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HB25-1089 Cnty Mail Ballot Signature Verification Reqmnts

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Lynda Scott For Otero County	<p>Hello, My name is Lynda Scott and I am the Clerk & Recorder for Otero County. I wish to show support for this bill. My reasons why are: we have to have bi-partisan teams to take ballots to counting rooms, to pick up ballot boxes, to take out and return ballot machines, to take out and pick up ballots to our VSPC's. I feel we need to have bi-partisan teams for signature verification. Even though we trust our judges having 2 people verify a signature to me makes more sense than having just one. I feel we would be less likely to have errors in signature verification if there were 2 people looking at said signature. Thank you for your time and consideration. Lynda K Scott, Otero County Clerk & Recorder</p>
Sahari McCormick For Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder	<p>Good Afternoon. As the County Clerk and Designated Elections Official of Gilpin County, I am asking for your support of HB25-1089 which would allow counties to have a bipartisan team of election workers conduct Signature Verification on ballot envelopes.</p> <p>Currently statute only allows for 1 person to conduct signature verification, yet we generally state that all election workers work in bipartisan teams. This role is the exception to that role, and it is quite a heavy lift on a solo signature verification worker to have that full responsibility of determining a signature match. If someone had a nefarious intent while conducting signature verification, leaving them to work alone with no bipartisan partner oversight could be disastrous for elections and their security.</p> <p>It is a vital role in the elections process to ensure everyone's vote counts and that our elections are safe and secure. I encourage your support for this bill so that ALL election workers work in bipartisan teams, and we uphold the highest integrity for our election processes. Thank you.</p>