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Jena Griswold
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Dear Representatives Hanks, Neville, Williams, Ransom, and Sandridge:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the routine update of voting systems equipment. Attached you will find the schedule of our “trusted build” update process, including the systems updates that have already taken place and those that are upcoming.

Civil servants at the Secretary of State’s office have undertaken this process each and every election cycle dating back to at least 2007 as part of our routine work to upgrade our voting systems. This process is required by law and outlined in rule. The trusted build ensures that voting equipment is up to date and occurs without deleting or altering the preservation copies of prior system modules. Election equipment in Colorado is tracked and secured at all times, from the trusted build process through the tabulation of ballots on Election Day and beyond. Further, the tabulations from each of these machines is audited with bipartisan teams of election judges at the conclusion of every election through our trailblazing risk-limiting audit. In short, Colorado leads the nation in security protocols to deliver a secure election.

I am compelled to add a word of caution to your request. We are seeing a rising tide of threats to election officials nationally – stoked by former and current elected officials who are undermining confidence in elections by asserting that the 2020 election was riddled with irregularities, without any proof to support that assertion, all for their own political gain. The Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, FBI, US Cyber Command, as well as the Director of National Intelligence, Attorney General William Barr, DHS Secretary Chad Wolf, and numerous U.S. Attorneys have examined the 2020 election and come to the same conclusion: it was secure.

In sharing this schedule, I caution that it not be used as a tool to fuel unfounded conspiracy theories about our elections. Doing so could very well add to the growing threats against election officials and undermine safety. Amid the current atmosphere, some Secretary of State and County Clerk employees, County Clerks, and I have begun to receive threats of violence. Much of the Secretary of State elections staff has been with the office long before my tenure and span multiple Secretaries of both parties. Yet these career civil servants, who have spent decades to innovate and improve our elections, are now the target of vitriol such as we have never seen before.

Colorado’s laws, practices and processes make our elections the envy of the nation. I am proud to work with a dedicated team of skilled civil servants at the Secretary of State’s office, who go above and beyond the call of duty to administer accessible and secure elections. This work includes on-the-ground visits with county clerks to implement the trusted build to ensure that our voting systems are up to date. I encourage each of you to meet with your respective county clerks to learn firsthand about how necessary and reliable the trusted build process is and the necessity of conducting this installation in a secure, uninterrupted manner.

I look forward to continuing to build on our gold-standard election system. My office will continue to implement world-class elections while also looking for ways to improve our systems. And we must commit to doing this work in a way that is built on truth and fact.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jena Griswold". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jena Griswold
Colorado Secretary of State

Gilbert "Bo" Ortiz
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2021 Trusted Build Schedule

5/6/2021 Denver
5/10/2021 Morgan
5/11/2021 Sedgwick
5/11/2021 Baca
5/12/2021 Washington
5/12/2021 Logan
5/12/2021 Prowers
5/13/2021 Yuma
5/13/2021 Phillips
5/13/2021 Bent
5/17/2021 Boulder
5/19/2021 Adams
5/24/2021 Elbert Reschedule
5/25/2021 Mesa
5/26/2021 Lincoln
5/27/2021 Crowley
5/27/2021 Delta
6/1/2021 El Paso
6/3/2021 Weld
6/7/2021 Gunnison
6/8/2021 Huerfano
6/8/2021 Kiowa
6/9/2021 Las Animas
6/9/2021 Hinsdale
6/9/2021 Cheyenne
6/10/2021 Otero
6/10/2021 Montrose
6/10/2021 Kit Carson
6/14/2021 Jefferson
6/21/2021 Larimer
6/24/2021 Broomfield
6/24/2021 Clear Creek
6/24/2021 Gilpin
6/29/2021 Saguache
6/30/2021 Alamosa
6/30/2021 Conejos
7/1/2021 Costilla
7/1/2021 Mineral Reschedule
7/6/2021 Arapahoe
7/8/2021 Summit
7/8/2021 Teller
7/8/2021 Pueblo
7/12/2021 Rio Grande
7/13/2021 Dolores
7/13/2021 La Plata
7/13/2021 San Juan at La Plata
7/13/2021 Routt

7/14/2021 Montezuma
7/14/2021 Jackson
7/15/2021 Archuleta
7/15/2021 Grand
7/19/2021 Eagle
7/20/2021 Ouray
7/20/2021 Park
7/21/2021 San Miguel
7/21/2021 Chaffee
7/21/2021 Pitkin
7/22/2021 Lake
7/27/2021 Custer
7/27/2021 Moffat
7/28/2021 Fremont
7/28/2021 Rio Blanco