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As election day is fast approaching, I want to thank all of you for the work you, your staff and election judges have done to ensure a safe and successful election for all Coloradans.

As you are acutely aware, many of our voters have questions about the integrity and transparency of our processes. I know we all have an interest in providing answers to assure voters that their votes will count.

In talking to voters throughout the state there are two themes that come up repeatedly—timeliness of results and accuracy of the voting systems.

I realize results may not be available on election night, particularly in counties that receive thousands of votes on election day. Knowing that many voters will still wait until election day to vote, some counties may not be able to process all ballots on election night. I am asking that those counties report the total ballots processed number along with the total remaining before they shut down on election night - so voters will at least have the total ballots received for this election (with the exception of overseas ballots that have the proper postmark and county swaps that follow the proper chain of custody).

Nothing erodes confidence more than scores of unaccounted for ballots showing up in the days after the election. I understand that Colorado is not a state where this traditionally happens, but we do not live in a bubble, and on a national level this has caused questions about the overall integrity of the process.

I also applaud clerks that will be performing a concurrent hand count of ballots to verify the results of the tabulation system. I understand this process may not work in every county. In past elections there have been citizens that seek to perform their own post-election hand count. Transparency is key to trust, and while ballots are open records in Colorado, access has been difficult in some counties. This is due to the inconsistency in fees. Some counties provide access free of charge and some charge thousands of dollars. For consistency, I encourage all counties to offer access without these excessive fees.

Again, thank you for all the hard work you do. We have a chance to address the worries many voters have in Colorado about election integrity, I'm hoping we take that opportunity, together.

Best,

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Republican Nominee for Colorado Governor