



# COLORADO COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION

November 14, 2019

Senator Michael Bennet  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Cory Gardner  
345 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bennet and Senator Gardner:

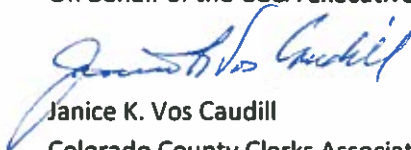
Within this next year, Americans will vote in the 2020 General Election. In the coming months, millions will vote in local, state and presidential elections in every U.S. state. These elections are the central pillar on which American democracy rests.

Despite extraordinary progress by state and local election officials to improve election security, upgrade equipment, and implement audit procedures, critical vulnerabilities remain. To address the concerns, state and local officials need funding to fully be prepared for threats and lessons learned from past elections and heed the warnings of experts at national, state and local levels.

The Secretary of State and county clerks across our state of Colorado have asked for more federal resources to strengthen cybersecurity, update election infrastructure, and implement elections best practices. Although Colorado leads the nation in secure election practices – for example Colorado is the first U.S. state to require risk-limiting audits after each election – there is much more Colorado can do with additional federal money. This funding needs to be earmarked specifically to harden local government systems in a comprehensive way.

We urge you to allocate funding to state and local governments to bolster their election infrastructure. The American people deserve action to secure our elections.

On behalf of the CCCA Executive Committee,



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