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Statewide Coalition Files Amicus Brief in Support of Lawsuit Against Electronic Signature Gathering

Additional Statements from Coalition Members

“Parts of Colorado, including the Western Slope, are often ignored when it comes to statewide ballot issue signature gathering as it is. That is why we so passionately supported Raise the Bar, which required statewide in-person signature gathering for constitutional amendments. Electronic signature gathering, as dictated by the Governor’s Executive Order, further excludes parts of our state and Coloradoans without sufficient access to broadband. This move lowers the bar when it comes to our initiative process to the point that those of us who live and work outside the Front Range will never see the faces of those who propose to pass ballot measures that impact us directly. This effort lacks opportunities for question or dialogue, but contains plenty of opportunities for abuse and fraud.”

– *Diane Schwenke, president and CEO, Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce*

Colorado industries cannot be separated. What diminishes one will always diminish another. Likewise, you cannot diminish the voice of our rural, low-income and elder voting populations without hurting us all. This order will do exactly that.

– *Katie Kruger, CEO, Denver Metro Commercial Association of Realtors*

“We ask that the Governor honors the current and clear law governing signature collection, as voters outlined in our Constitution. If the Governor believes that those rules should be changed, he should propose such a change to the only group authorized to change our constitution – the voters.”

– *Dan Haley, president and CEO, Colorado Oil and Gas Association*

“Coloradans were absolutely clear in their resolve to ‘raise the bar’ on signature gathering just four short years ago. We need to respect the will of the voters. Now is not the time to reverse course.”

– *Dave Davia, executive vice president and CEO, Colorado Association of Mechanical and Plumbing Contractors*