

Protect Colorado's Constitution Coalition

Newsletter Content

Statewide coalition forms to protect Colorado's Constitution

A broad and diverse coalition of statewide organizations, including [INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME], is opposing recent decisions to change the way people and organizations can access the Colorado ballot. This coalition represents interests including rural, urban, suburban and mountain communities, our state's smallest businesses to some of our largest employers, and a variety of industries, like agriculture, education, energy, construction and housing.

On May 15, Gov. Jared Polis issued [Executive Order D 2020 065](#), which suspends a number of laws related to signature collection and ballot qualification for elections and orders the Secretary of State's Office to develop rules for electronic and mail signature gathering. This action, the coalition contends, violates the state's constitution, which already has established fair and equitable ways for people to place ideas on the ballot for consideration by Colorado voters.

Additionally, the coalition expressed concerns that these changes could completely lock out people with limited access to technology and internet – including those who live in rural communities, older adults and people experiencing poverty. Our coalition filed an amicus brief in support of a lawsuit filed by Colorado Concern and Dan Ritchie. And while the Denver District Court ruled against us, we are supporting Colorado Concern in its efforts to appeal to the Colorado Supreme Court.

To learn more about the effort to protect Colorado's Constitution and keep ballot access fair for all, please visit [Link to your content landing page or www.denverchamber.org/ProtectOurConstitution]