From: Kerry Colburn <Kerry.Colburn@SOS.STATE.CO.US> on behalf of CORA User <CORA@sos.state.co.us>
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 9:22 AM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Open Records Act Request (CO-SOS-20-2421)

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good morning Mr. McGrath,
Your responsive documents are attached.
Sincerely,

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From: Judd Choate
To: Husner, Doreen L
Subject: Accepted: [EXTERNAL] USPS HQs Outreach to State Election Officials - Colorado

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From:	Judd Choate
To:	Husner, Doreen L
Subject:	Accepted: [EXTERNAL] USPS HQs Outreach to State Election Officials - Colorado Updated ZOOM meeting
Start:	Friday, July 24, 2020 9:00:00 AM
End:	Friday, July 24, 2020 10:00:00 AM
Location:	https://usps.zoomgov.com/j/1609852723?pwd=bFVGOHd1aDNRYm9ScXRkbk40Y3JjUT09

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Judd Choate
To: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject: Call at 2pm
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:37:07 PM

Hi. Will you be joining the call at 2pm? Judd

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Judd Choate
To: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject: Call?
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 2:09:08 PM

Hi David. Are you free for a quick call?

Judd

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From:	Judd Choate
To:	Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject:	FW: advisory
Date:	Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:59:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

From: Betsy Hart
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: advisory

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August 13, 2020

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold to Hold Media Availability to Address Trump Comments on United States Postal Service Funding for Mail Ballots

Colorado Secretary of State **Jena Griswold** will be holding a virtual media availability **today, August 13, at 1:30 PM MT** to address comments made today by President Trump on withholding funding for the U.S. Postal Service to restrict vote by mail.

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Members of the media are invited to join the event via GoToWebinar Meeting. To register, click here.

WHAT: Colorado Secretary of State Media Availability

WHO: Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold

WHEN: Thursday, August 13, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Join via GoTo Webinar Meeting:
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6531990082327161355

Betsy Hart
Director of Communications
Colorado Department of State
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From: Judd Choate
To: Walker, Donna D - Denver, CO
Subject: Hey
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:45:07 AM

We really are sorry to see you go. Thanks for everything.

Judd

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From: Judd Choate
To: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject: Meet with the Secretary
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020 2:34:41 PM

Hi David. The Secretary would like to meet with you concerning USPS issues. Are you available week after next?

Judd

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Meeting

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Meeting Time

Friday, July 24, 2020 9:00 AM - Friday, July 24, 2020 10:00 AM

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Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:37:12 PM

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Date:	Monday, June 8, 2020 2:15:48 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png

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From: [SCORE Customer Support]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Daniel Pickard <Daniel.Pickard@SOS.STATE.CO.US>; Matt Domboski <Matt.Domboski@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Automaic voter registation

Daniel/Matt,
Are one of you USPS liaison? Would you please respond to Louise. See below.
Thank you,
Vicky

From: Konecne - CCR, Louise <louise.konecne@state.co.us>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:14 AM
To: [SCORE Customer Support] <SCORE.CustomerSupport@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Automaic voter registation

Are the letters mailed forwardable or non-forwardable?
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What do we put on the envelope to make it non forwardable? Regular first class mail is forwardable.
Thanks
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From: Judd Choate
To: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: requirement to charge first class postage
Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 5:55:18 PM

This is a statement? From the PMG?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 10, 2020, at 5:53 PM, Rupert, David G - Denver, CO <david.g rupert@usps.gov> wrote:
>
>
> Not true. Here's our official statement to Salon
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> Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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> -------- Original message --------
> From: David <David@davidrupert.com>
> Date: 8/10/20 5:01 PM (GMT-07:00)
> To: "Rupert, David G - Denver, CO" <david.g rupert@usps.gov>
> Subject: [EXTERNAL]
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> "There are currently no pending changes to the rates and classes of mail impacting ballots," the USPS said in a statement to Salon. "Further, the baseless assertion that we intend to raise prices in advance of the upcoming Presidential election in order to restrict voting by mail is wholly without merit, and frivolous. The Postmaster General and the organization he leads is fully committed to fulfilling our role in the electoral process. If public policy makers choose to utilize the mail as a part of their election system, we will do everything we can to deliver Election Mail in a timely manner consistent with our operational standards."

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From: Judd Choate
To: Glass, Justin - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 2:29:00 PM

I will ask my boss.

But in the meantime, I am absolutely apoplectic about the pre-election postcard I just learned about. How could this be sent without someone considering that several states don't have absentee voters? How could it be sent without consulting even one election official? Please pass along that this mailing will generate literally thousands of calls, emails, and texts. It will cost my election officials hours of their days convincing their voters that everything is okay. It's embarrassingly amateurish and counterproductive for us and the USPS. I just don't understand how this postcard could be mailed.

Judd

From: Glass, Justin - Washington, DC <Robert.J.Glass@usps.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request

Hey Judd –

I never heard back on this. Do you still want to discuss any of the things you had sent about? I don't know if we can get with Mr. DeJoy but I am certainly willing to discuss with you all and can try to get Mr. DeJoy if we get a desired time.

Justin

From: Glass, Justin - Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 4:18 PM
To: 'Judd Choate' <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request

Hi Judd –

I haven't heard back from you. The Secretary mentioned trying to get the meeting set up.

From: Glass, Justin - Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 4:47 PM
To: 'Judd Choate' <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request

Hey Judd,

I have sent the request up. I don't know what we will get back. However, I am certainly available to meet and discuss in my role as USPS' Director, Election Mail Season.

We could also request other member for our ELT if you'd like.

Justin

From: Judd Choate [mailto:Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 12:38 PM
Cc: Glass, Justin - Washington, DC <Robert.J.Glass@usps.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request

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Removing Dan…

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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:54 AM
To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Cc: Glass, Justin - Washington, DC <Robert.J.Glass@usps.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meeting Request

Good morning State Election Director Choate,

Justin and I are both members of The Postal Service National Election Mail Team. Justin works closely with the Executive Leadership Team(ELT). Among his many responsibilities he communicates speaking engagement requests with the ELT and when they are not available he represents the Postal Service. Justin is well versed in every aspect of election and political mail outreach, communications, and operations processing.

Best regards and thank you,

Daniel Bentley

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I didn't realize you had moved on, Dan. Sorry to hear about it.

Justin - please let me know if you need anything.

Judd

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> Best regards and thank you,
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Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 2:35:00 PM

Okay. I'll look for that.

But, just a heads up that stakeholding is usually more effective when it occurs before you take an action – not after.

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Thank you!

I understand your concerns and would like to talk to you more. We are working up a response for the State Elections Directors. We can talk more once that is out.

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I will ask my boss.

But in the meantime, I am absolutely apoplectic about the pre-election postcard I just learned about. How could this be sent without someone considering that several states don't have absentee voters? How could it be sent without consulting even one election official? Please pass along that this mailing will generate literally thousands of calls, emails, and texts. It will cost my election officials hours of their days convincing their voters that everything is okay. It's embarrassingly amateurish and counterproductive for us and the USPS. I just don't understand how this postcard could be mailed.

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I never heard back on this. Do you still want to discuss any of the things you had sent about? I don't know if we can get with Mr. DeJoy but I am certainly willing to discuss with you all and can try to get Mr. DeJoy if we get a desired time.

Justin

From: Glass, Justin - Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 4:18 PM
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Hi Judd –

I haven't heard back from you. The Secretary mentioned trying to get the meeting set up.

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Hey Judd,

I have sent the request up. I don't know what we will get back. However, I am certainly available to meet and discuss in my role as USPS' Director, Election Mail Season.

We could also request other member for our ELT if you'd like.

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Removing Dan…

Hi Justin. Following up on our meeting request.

You probably know that Oregon, Washington, and Colorado are the three states known for their longtime advocacy for VBM. We are enthusiastic supporters of our local post offices and the great work that our regional GMFs do to make VBM so successful. This makes us a friendly audience with reasonable (important) questions.

I know you have been approached by NASS to join an upcoming call. I can't speak to those folks - there are a lot of politicians in NASS with various agendas. The Colorado/Oregon/Washington teams just want answers to straight-forward questions. We won't inform the press before the meeting. We won't issue press releases immediately following. We just want to make sure that the USPS knows how important these next 80 days are. If anything, it might make sense to have a low profile meeting with us (Colorado/Oregon/Washington) to hear what the questions the PMG will face so he's prepared for the not-at-all low profile NASS call (and all other press inquiries as the election approaches).

Please get back to me about setting up a call. This is important. We are the people that everyone is looking to and right now we don't have answers. That puts us at odds with the USPS, which isn't where we want to be.

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We always tell our oters 8 days. And e ght days s today.

Judd

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From Rupert Da id G - Den er CO <da id.g.rupert@usps go >
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This should be June 2 . 7 days prior.

Sent f om my Verizon Samsung Galaxy sma tphone

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Colo adams Encouraged o Return Ba lots By Drop Box to Ensu e Receipt by Election Day Early In-Person Vo ing S a ts Today

Ballots Returned by Mail after June 22 May Not Arri e by June 30 Elect on Day Deadline

DENVER Colo.- Beginn ng today June 22 Colorado Secretary of Sta e Jena Griswold encou ages Coloradans o return their statewide pr mary ba lot by drop box a hre than through he ma l. In Colorado ballo s must be recei ed by 7 p.m. on Elect on Day to be counted. Ballo s mailed af er today may not arri e by the June 30 Elec ion Day deadl ne. Voters are encouraged to drop their ballot off at the nearest 2 -hour d op box to help ensure they are eceiv ed in time o be counted.

Today also ma ks the start of early in-person ot ng at Voter Ser ice and Po ling Centers (VSPCs). Vo e s are encouraged to submit the ballot they recei ed by drop box f possible o lim t he spread of COVID 19. Howe er n-person o ing is still a ailable for those who must register to ote or cast their vote in person. To make oting as safe as poss ble he Colorado Secretary of Sta e's office has funded and helped count es seco e Personal Protecti e Equ pment (PPE). The Secretary of S ate's O fice also worked w th the Go ernor's office and the Colo ado Department of Publ c Health and Em ironment (CDPHE) in issuing emergency elec ion

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Us, I'm guessing.

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To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
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From: Judd Choate
To: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject: RE: Financials...
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:38:00 PM

What is this write up from? And by whom was it written?

Thanks, Judd

-----Original Message-----
From: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO <david.g.rupert@usps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Financials...

"The U.S. Postal Service continues to update its forecast scenarios on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Postal Service finances and is providing Congress with updated revenue and volume information on a weekly basis. Our initial revenue scenarios were limited to three weeks of data, when the pandemic was just beginning to affect the economy. At that time, we had seen a significant decrease in mail volume – despite a boost from one-time Census mailings – coupled with only a modest increase in package volume. Since then, we have experienced steady weekly growth in package volume, while mail volume has continued to show a decline.

The recent trends indicate that our 2020 financial performance will be better than our early scenarios predicted. However, the duration of the package volume growth and the extent of the adverse effects on mail volume remains uncertain, as impacts to our volume often experience a delayed response to changes in the direction of the general economy."

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Judd Choate
To: Walker, Donna D - Denver, CO
Subject: RE: Hey
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:02:00 AM

It's very bittersweet for us.

And I'm serious about getting some knowledge transfer before you leave. Is there any progress on that? I know there was a guy but he has disappeared. I will continue to push them on this if you think that's helpful.

Judd

From: Walker, Donna D - Denver, CO <Donna.D.Walker@usps.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hey

Thank you Judd, it has been my pleasure to work with all of you. I have learned a lot and met some great people. I appreciate your support and our working relationship!!

Retirement is a little bitter-sweet.

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From: Judd Choate [mailto:Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Walker, Donna D - Denver, CO <Donna.D.Walker@usps.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hey

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We really are sorry to see you go. Thanks for everything.

Judd

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From: Judd Choate
To: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject: RE: Media message
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 12:21:00 PM

Thanks David. I will pass this along.

Judd

From: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO <david.g.rupert@usps.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media message

Judd

To keep you in the loop, we are reaching out across the nation to select reporters with this information.
We'll have a more robust media pitch to all outlets on Monday, pushing our Election Mail website and other messaging regarding our unified commitment.

David

SUBJECT: USPS launches Election Mail Website, Video highlighting organizational commitment

Good morning,

I wanted to reach out with a new video we posted today on our Election Mail website. It features Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and the leaders of the four major postal unions: Fred Rolando of the National Association of Letter Carriers; Ronnie Stutts of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association; Mark Dimondstein of the American Postal Workers Union and Paul Hogrogian of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union. It's essentially a statement of unity and commitment to delivering the nation's Election Mail securely and on-time. The point is that the organization is united by the civic duty and vital role of delivering Election Mail, which is true for every election year.

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Postmaster General and Postal Union Leaders Talk Election Mail Commitment

The Script to the video is below:

Election Mail Commitment Video Script

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Hello. I am Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Postal Service.

I am pleased to announce that the presidents of the four postal unions have agreed to work with the Postal Service on a joint leadership taskforce.
This new partnership will enhance our work with election officials in jurisdictions throughout the country.

We will address issues relating to voter education and best practices of the stakeholders in administering mail-in voting for the 2020 election.

I am here with the union presidents to talk about the upcoming election season.

2020 has been an unprecedented and challenging year for our nation. The Coronavirus pandemic has been disruptive to our economy and our daily lives.

Yet, throughout this pandemic – even with all the uncertainties – the men and women of the United States Postal Service have delivered for the American public.

Our entire organization is working toward the same objective – to ensure that we fulfill our role in the electoral process, and maintain the trust of the American public.

Union Leader #1 (NALC)

My name is Fred Rolando, and I'm the president of the National Association of Letter Carriers. We take great pride in our mission of service to the nation and knowing that our customers can rely on us.

And we will continue to be that source of reliability and consistency as we head into the 2020 election season.

COVID-19 is still with us, and millions of people will be voting by mail – many for the first time.

We are fully committed to ensuring that every voter can rely upon the men and women of the United States Postal Service to deliver ballots and other election mail securely, accurately and on time. We are excited to work together in this task force to ensure that our successful history of handling election ballots continues as we respond to our

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expanded role in the electoral process.

Union Leader #2 (NRLCA)

The men and women of the Postal Service live, work and serve in every community in America, large and small, rural and urban.

We are committed to enabling the voting process for thousands of election jurisdictions, and to connect our customers to their nation through the electoral process.

We take great pride in this responsibility.

Union Leader #3 (APWU)

We have proven, robust practices and procedures for processing election mail efficiently and with integrity, and a long history of meeting the expectations of the voting public.

In every Post Office and processing facility, the Postal Service has the ability to process and deliver the high volumes of election mail expected in the coming weeks. We are highly focused on this task.

Postal workers are ready, and committed to deliver for our country.

Union Leader #4 (NPMHU)

The Postal Service has a long history of supporting the electoral process, and this year is no exception.

We work with election officials and mailers to ensure that the process runs smoothly.

We also work internally – to reinforce our best practices for mail handling and timely, secure delivery.

The American public can count on the Postal Service to deliver this year's election mail.

PMG

Many States and localities are introducing or expanding options for mail-in voting, and that's why we've invested in major educational efforts to inform and support America's election officials.

And because the election rules for voters may differ throughout the country, we are providing resources for voters, so they can make informed decisions about their preferred voting method. For voters who choose to use the mail to cast their ballot, we ask them to be mindful of their state election rules, and to request and return their ballots as early as possible. We want to be sure that when you use the mail to vote, your vote will be counted.

Rest assured, the Postal Service remains fully committed to the timely and efficient processing of ballots. The volume of election mail may be higher this year, but we're ready for it.

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We are proud to play such an important role in America's electoral process. You can have great confidence in the 630,000 men and women of the United States Postal Service, and in our ability to deliver America's election mail. Thank you.

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From: Judd Choate
To: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject: RE: media request- FOX 31 Denver- USPS Voting postcard?
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:20:00 PM

She must have posted something on twitter.

From: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO <david.g.rupert@usps.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: media request- FOX 31 Denver- USPS Voting postcard?

Hmmmm.
This would have been nice to know

From: Erika Gonzalez <REDACTED BY SOS>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:15:36 PM
To: Boxrud, James N - Denver, CO <James.N.Boxrud@usps.gov>; Rupert, David G - Denver, CO <david.g.rupert@usps.gov>
Cc: KDVR Assignment Desk <REDACTED BY SOS>
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Hello!

I am writing to request information regarding reports of a USPS postcard about voting, going out to all U.S. homes and PO Boxes.

The Colorado Secretary of State is alleging:

- she asked the USPS to not send the postcard to CO
- information about voting is incorrect for CO
- this could undermine the election.

I am hoping to get information about the reported postcard as well as reaction to her claims.

I look forward to hearing back from someone soon.

Thank you,

Erika Gonzalez
Reporter/Anchor
Fox 31 & Ch 2 News

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From:	Judd Choate
To:	Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject:	RE: Meet with the Secretary
Date:	Friday, August 21, 2020 12:41:00 PM

On zoom.

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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Judd Choate <Judd.Choate@SOS.STATE.CO.US>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Meet with the Secretary

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Please tell me who she is looking to meet with? At our facility? In her office?

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GMF leadership and you.

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And who does she want to talk to?

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Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:51:00 PM

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Please coordinate with Mr. Choate on an agreeable timeframe

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    - Replacement for Donna Walker – Coordinated by Debbie Stoops, Area Election Mail Lead
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We value our partnership and collective efforts for the upcoming election and ballots that will be sent through the mail. As discussed, the United States Postal Service has a team of subject matter experts that are available to support the Election Officials at the state and local levels. The Area and District Election Mail leads will be coordinating follow-up for the remaining items above as well as establishing regular touchpoints to ensure we keep the dialogue open through Election Day. If you should have any questions or need assistance in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to Donna Walker the District Election Mail Lead.

Additional Election Mail reference information is available at https://about.usps.com/gov-services/election-mail/welcome.htm

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Thank you,

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Subject: RE: USPS Changes?
Date: Friday, September 25, 2020 2:30:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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The question is "since the Washington case resolution, what is happening to effectuate that ruling?" That ruling specified that machines be put back into use, delivery runs be completed, and overtime availability, etc.

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Didn't we have a meeting with the Deputy Security and our executives several weeks ago where we talked about "changes" ?

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From:	Judd Choate
To:	Bentley, Daniel M - Washington, DC; Rupert, David G - Denver, CO; Walker, Donna D - Denver, CO
Cc:	Caleb Thornton; Ian Rayder; Melissa Kessler; Hilary Rudy
Subject:	USPS Postcard
Date:	Friday, September 11, 2020 1:49:00 PM

Dear Dan/David/Donna.

We are distressed to learn that the USPS is sending a pre-election postcard to all U.S. household instructing voters, among other things, to request their absentee ballot at least 15 days prior to the election. In Colorado, all voters already receive a mail ballot. This messaging will be confusing. It will unnecessarily worry our voters, causing them to contact our counties or the state office to request a ballot or complain.

I hear that the Denver GMF cards have not gone out for delivery yet. We ask that this mailing be stopped – that Donna lead an effort to keep these cards in the GMF instead of delivering them to households. Please do this immediately.

As an aside, I want you to know how disappointed I am. I know you three didn't create or send this mailing, but you hold sway (marginal as it may be) over those who did. They need to know that this is completely unacceptable. The USPS does not help the election, it hurts it, when it sends a mailing to every household that conflicts with a state's law. I strongly suspect that the language of this postcard only accurately captures the laws in a handful of states and thus conflicts with the laws in every other state. How could an organization with USPS's reach not understand that each state has different election policies? It's unfathomable to me that there wasn't someone with knowledge of this mailing who would say, "wait, we should talk to some election officials – or even our own employees – to make sure we've got this right" before mailing tens of millions of cards. Seriously. Who operates like that?

Please feel free to pass this along to any appropriate person.

And, stop this mailing in the Denver GMF as soon as possible.

Thanks, Judd

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From: Judd Choate
To: Rupert, David G - Denver, CO
Subject: USPS Questions
Date: Friday, July 31, 2020 10:41:58 AM

Hi David. It's that time again. Can you please continue to reassure us that the issues described below will not effect Colorado's ballot delivery process?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/postal-service-backlog-sparks-worries-that-ballot-delivery-could-be-delayed-in-november/2020/07/30/cb19f1f4-d1d0-11ea-8d32-1ebf4e9d8e0d_story.html?utm_campaign=wp_post_most&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_most

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