

Sample response

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Dear Clerk Fitzpatrick,

I am confused with your explanation of the purpose of the drop box video surveillance systems. It seems that you are saying that the video surveillance would not be used as proof or to detect any type of election fraud such as people dropping large numbers of ballots into them or the same person making drops at multiple boxes and putting more ballots in than is legal under the current law (which I believe is limited to 10). Am I right about this?

Also, related to this, how would dropping multiple ballots be detected if clerks and law enforcement would not be viewing the video of the boxes?

It seems the suggestion that citizens be able to request to view the video footage is one legal option we have. But the cameras would need to be set up correctly so that evidence would be available in cases where illegal ballot drops were being made. If the cameras were not set up properly, in order to obtain an adequate view and perspective of people dropping ballots, then the cameras are useless for this purpose. If this is the case, then the drop boxes are not secure. We simply do not trust that the process beyond the drop boxes is fair enough.

Emptying the boxes by bipartisan teams is good, but, just as important, is being able to view how the ballots got into the boxes.

We know that there are many extra people on our voter roles. I have heard that the state of Colorado has more than 100,000 extra ballots going out to people who are inactive. (Judicial Watch researched this issue and put out a report in 2021). I believe there is a lawsuit pending about this.

Overall, the whole election process is now under scrutiny, and each part of it needs to be proven to be secure. It seems you are saying you think leaving out a whole component of the process is acceptable, but I disagree.

The drop boxes need to have verifiable video footage that is accessible to the public, by the November 2022 election. If your organization is unable to provide that by that time, then the use of drop boxes should be discontinued.

Honestly, if you are not in favor of having this video surveillance of the drop boxes available to be used and viewed, then I will view you as part of the problem we have in the county, state, and nation with a growing lack of trust in our election system.

Respectfully,

Karen M