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**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

May 11, 2026

The Honorable Jena Griswold
Colorado Secretary of State
1700 Broadway, Suite 550
Denver, Colorado 80290

Dear Secretary of State Griswold:

Thank you for your March 9, 2026 letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). I am responding on behalf of the Department.

In your letter, you ask for confirmation that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers and special agents will not be present at voting and election administration locations during the 2026 election. As you are aware, ICE's mission is to protect the United States from the cross-border crime and illegal immigration that threaten national security and public safety. This mission is executed through the enforcement of more than 400 federal statutes and focuses on immigration enforcement and combating transnational crime.

Therefore, there is no reason for ICE personnel to be deployed to polling places. ICE officers and special agents are sworn federal law enforcement officials that are responsible for enforcing violations of immigration and criminal laws. However, as the principal investigative component of DHS, ICE Homeland Security Investigations plays an important role in investigating voter fraud and will continue to perform this vital mission.

Thank you again for your letter. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the ICE Office of Partnership and Engagement via email at iceope@ice.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Lyons".

Todd M. Lyons
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director
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