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Dear DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee,

This letter is to provide notice from the Colorado Democratic Party of our intent to pursue early state Presidential Primary status for the State of Colorado.

We believe that Colorado is best situated to make the case for its own candidacy as an early primary state. [It is a state that is quite independent and prominent amongst its mid to western neighbors.](#)

It is a state that is evenly split amongst independents, democrats and republicans, with many of the independents leaning liberal. The voters are thoughtful issues voters and the state has trended from pink, purple to blue within the last 5 to 10 years. Many republicans have left the GOP in the last few years and changed to unaffiliated or to Democrats in some instances.

Colorado has a tradition of organizing with deep canvassing, community outreach, and activism on the full spectrum of issues faced by our nation. Our voter turnout in the 2020 cycle was second only to Minnesota. Colorado represents the new America - young and diverse. We lead the nation in voting rights and voter turnout. We also have some of the most progressive election and voting laws in the nation. Colorado used to be a red state, and through organizing and hard work we have become a purple state - and a purple state that has recently voted blue. We believe we are a model for where the country can and should go.

Presidential candidates would be better equipped to campaign in the rest of the states by listening to and learning from the different regions, people and needs in our state. In so many ways, we are the new model for American optimism and engagement in the political process. We would also be bringing in new voters and new Americans into the electoral process. And the reason that is important is because their perspective is fresh and will push candidates to answer to the voters who want more from their political leaders; who want leaders that make the lives of ordinary Americans better.

Colorado's main point of contact in this application process going forward will be Howard Chou, 1st Vice Chair, Colorado Democratic Party, hchou@coloradodems.org, (650)207-5909.

Democratically Yours,

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