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Subject: [EXT] COUNTY CLERK MAILED BALLOT REJECTION OF QUALIFICATION
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First I want to thank you all for taking the time to hear public comments and taking on the task of improving voting for all US residents in New Mexico, especially during our current national crisis.

I'm extremely proud of the progress that my state has made on 'dark money', automatic and online voter registration, early voting, no-excuse absentee voting, and the National Popular Vote compact. I hope that our state will continue to increase accessibility for all of us when it comes to participation in our government. I believe that there is still room for improvement in the way of statewide Ranked Choice Voting, open primary voting, and also with keeping felon voting rights.

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I am most concerned about the lack of a required mailed notice in the case of a rejected ballot. I understand that a phone call or electronic mail would be a great first attempt at contact and could save time and money if you are able to confirm contact with the voter by these methods. However, some voters may use shared phones and shared email addresses. Also, while providing an email address is a requirement of using the online vehicle registration system, some may use shared or temporary email addresses and if this information is used during automatic voter registration or gets merged at a later date, it could lead to someone missing their notification of a rejected ballot.

While it's a felony crime of mail theft for intentionally opening, hiding, or intercepting someone else's mail, the same safeguards of the law are not applied to phone messages nor electronic mail.

For the reasons above, I believe that a mailed notification should be required for notification of a rejected ballot.

It may be beneficial to have the notification/contact be in the voters preferred language. Might also benefit voters if you could clarify who is allowed to drop off or mail the cure for a rejected ballot.

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