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I send this email to show my preference for Andrew Romanoff as the person to fill the position of Secretary of State.

I've been a Democrat since '72, but this year's primary caused me to seriously re-think my party affiliation. I worked hard for Hillary Clinton during the primary. I worked for Mark Udall and for Jared Polis. I also contributed to the campaigns of Primavera, Whitcomb, and a few others in local elections. While I am proud of the state and local candidates I supported, I withdrew my ongoing financial support for the DNC, the Congressional Committee, and the Senate Committee.

I am extremely upset with the so-called Progressive's takeover of the national party. I feel, especially with the Blagojevich scandal now in full swing, that their "selected" President Elect will be mired in dealing with RNC political machinations (another group I hold in contempt) and sidetracked from dealing with the serious issues we face as a country. The Progressive wing of the party should not take over Colorado. We need a more centrist party.

I was convinced and am still convinced that the DNC turned its eyes away from the fraud committed during the primary in caucus states. The committee, especially Brazile, lectured about rules in regard to Florida and Michigan, states that held elections, but did nothing in regard to rules in caucus states. The 2,000+ complaints in Texas and the questionable labor union tactics in Nevada (to name a few) that may still be under investigation, along with a future release of the *We Will Not Be Silenced* documentary should give all true Democrats pause.

I admire Romanoff for many reasons. I had noticed him as he worked with high school journalists when I was still teaching years ago and was advisor for my school's newspaper staff. His concern for raising up good journalists and voters impressed me.

His Referendum C was a work of great importance in Colorado. His work with the "SAFE" amendment this year was also extremely important. His record of working across the aisle is also extremely telling as to the kind of politician he is: honest, fair, and willing to work hard to get things done without playing party politics. That last is the most important reason for my preference for Romanoff as the person to fill this seat.

The Secretary of State's duty to oversee the Election Codes and Voter Registration Law is also a primary reason he should be chosen. I was extremely unhappy with the efforts of ACORN during the Ohio general election. ACORN is an organization that has noble aspirations but that tarnishes them with very, very questionable management practices and methods. The ends do not justify the means. I trust Romanoff to stick to principle in regard to election law and voting issues, not to party concerns.

I trust his highly principled work ethic to handle the other duties of the office also.

During the general election, as I said, I withdrew my support for the DNC and national committees of

the party. I gave support to groups instead like Democrats for Principle Before Party. I am currently withholding support for the state's Democratic Party also until I see which way the wind blows, so to speak. I am democratic in my heart. But the direction the Progressive movement took us in the presidential race this year unsettled me, and for the first time, I voted Republican in the presidential race.

I am now uncertain as to my future party affiliation. I have not withdrawn my registration as a Democrat since I did like my state and local Democratic candidates very much. But I want to see our state party hold firmly to a more centrist position. I feel selecting Romanoff would send that kind of signal.

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