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Statement by Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver on the State Supreme Court's Straight-Party Voting Decision Today

SANTA FE – Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver released the following statement this afternoon after the New Mexico Supreme Court's decision regarding the straight-party voting question:

“Today's decision by the New Mexico Supreme Court is a disappointing blow to voter access in New Mexico. We should be expanding voting rights and accessibility but, instead, this decision limits the options voters have when casting their ballots and makes voting less convenient. While I stand by my position that straight-party voting is a reasonable option, I respect the judges' decision and will abide by it. While there will not be a straight-party voting option on the November ballot, New Mexicans can rest assured that I'm committed to ensuring the safety and security of our elections and I will continue to expand eligible voters' access to the ballot box in as many ways as I can.

“In light of this decision, I am recommitting myself to working toward expanding voter access to the ballot box and advocating for policies such as same-day voter registration, open primaries, and - potentially - vote at home initiatives, in order to better serve New Mexican voters down the road. I hope that those who have opposed the straight-party option, but at the same time claim to support increased voter accessibility, will work with me to enact these important policies that will help more voters' voices be heard at the polls.”

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