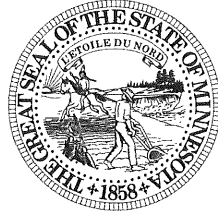


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STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Minnesota Secretary of State
Steve Simon

January 15, 2016

The Honorable Senator Richard Cohen
The Honorable Senator Michelle Fischbach
The Honorable Senator Tom Saxhaug
The Honorable Senator Roger Chamberlain
The Honorable Representative Sarah Anderson
The Honorable Representative Sheldon Johnson
The Honorable Representative Jim Knoblach
The Honorable Representative Lyndon Carlson

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Minnesota statutes allows the Secretary of State to accept funds from individuals and apply for grants "to be used for the address confidentiality program established in section 5B.03." Minn. Stat. § 5B.12. The Office of the Secretary of State is required to report each January 15 "the total amounts received in the preceding calendar year, the sources of those funds, and the uses to which those funds were or will be put. Any contributions from program participants must be aggregated, and the names of program participants must not be reported." *Id.*

As required by section 5B.12, the Office of the Secretary of State reports that it did not apply for, accept, or receive any grant or individual funds authorized by section 5B.12 in calendar year 2015.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie A. Strother".

JULIE A. STROTHER

Government Relations Director

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