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STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon

January 3, 2018

The Honorable Senator Mary Kiffmeyer

The Honorable Senator Jim Carlson

The Honorable Senator Julie Rosen

The Honorable Senator Richard Cohen

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, section 5.38 provides in part:

The secretary of state may enter into agreements with a local governmental unit to provide a technological service or project to enhance the state's election system. The secretary of state and the local governmental unit shall agree to the amount of consideration to be paid under the agreement. In addition, the secretary of state may accept federal funds for election purposes.

The Office of the Secretary of State is required to report by 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." Minn. Stat. § 5.38. As required by section 5.38, the Office of the Secretary of State reports that it did not apply for, accept, or receive any grant or other funds authorized by 5.38 in calendar year 2017.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

SAMM BONAWITZ

Government Relations Director

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