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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 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 by 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 2017.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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