

STATE OF MINNESOTA Office of Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon

January 15, 2024

The Honorable Senator Jim Carlson The Honorable Senator Mark Koran The Honorable Senator Erin Murphy The Honorable Senator Bruce Anderson The Honorable Senator John Marty The Honorable Senator Eric Pratt The Honorable Representative Mike Freiberg The Honorable Representative Paul Torkelson The Honorable Representative Ginny Klevorn The Honorable Representative Jim Nash The Honorable Representative Liz Olson The Honorable Representative Pat Garofalo

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 2023.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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