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STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Minnesota Secretary of State
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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, 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 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 2015.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Government Relations Director

cc: Legislative Reference Library