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Senator Aaron Bean
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Dear Senator Bean,

I want to follow-up with you on your request for the Florida Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) to support SJR 1424. After discussion and deliberation by the FSASE Executive Committee, it was decided to pose the following question to the sixty-six Supervisors in our Association: "Should the FSASE support the legislation putting the issue of an "elected" Secretary of State on the ballot for the voters to decide?"

As a result of the poll, a majority of the Supervisors voted to support placing the proposal so that the voters can decide the issue. As we discussed on the conference call, supporting legislation to let voters decide is all we as an Association can commit to, so please don't' misconstrue this support for the legislation itself. If the HJR/SJR were to pass and make ballot placement, the FSASE will not be taking a public position on the amendment. Due to the role of the Supervisor of Elections in conducting elections and tabulating ballots, it would be inappropriate for us to take an official position on this amendment or any issue on the ballot. Each Supervisor of Elections strives to be professional, non-partisan and non-political as it relates to the functions, duties and responsibilities of their office.

Thanks for reaching out to our Association for input on this legislation and please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Corley
President