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Mr. Ken Detzner
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

During the recent Legislative Session, and on several other occasions, you expressed frustration with supervisors of elections who fail to timely meet their statutory obligations, whether that relates to reports which are required to be filed or otherwise. On behalf of our Association, please know we would like to be informed which counties are of concern and want to assist in insuring compliance. We would also like to be proactive to avoid being criticized due to actions or inactions of one or a few who fail to comply.

We have discussed with you that we believe using your authority under sections 97.012(14) and (16), Florida Statutes, should assist in insuring compliance, unless factual situations make compliance impossible. Of course, if we are concerned with election preparations, not only do those statutes provide the Department authority to engage a county to discuss and insure proper preparation and performance for an election, but section 101.58, Florida Statutes, allows the department full access to the premises, records, equipment and staff of a supervisor of elections at any time the Secretary deems appropriate. We believe very few supervisors would want to be in a position of having to confer with the Department pursuant to section 97.012(14)(c) concerning their

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failure to comply with their duties and have a subsequent legal action filed.

We look forward to discussing with you your concerns and in insuring any problems do not continue. We will contact you to set a meeting to discuss the foregoing. Please contact me if there is any question.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicki Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "V".

Vicki Davis
President FSASE

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