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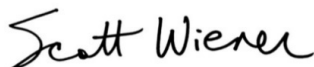
Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated September 18, 2024, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to Provision 5 of Item 0890-001-0001 in the *2023-24 Budget Act*, of a request from the Secretary of State to increase expenditure authority in order to reimburse the Department of Justice (DOJ) for legal services.

In total, an extra \$248,000 in General Fund spending authority is needed to account for the total amount of legal services provided by DOJ in fiscal year 2023-24.

I have reviewed the notification letter and concur with the request. In addition, I approve your request to waive the remainder of the 30-day review period, in order to allow the State Controller to process the request as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee