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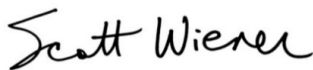
Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated April 30, 2025, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Item 9840-001-0001, Provisions 3 and 6 in the *2024-25 Budget Act*, of a request from the Secretary of State (SOS) to augment the department's budget by \$8,587,000 to address an unanticipated funding shortfall. You requested JLBC waive the 30-day review period.

The additional spending authority will cover higher than expected costs associated with the November 2024 general election Voter Information Guide and Voter Registration Cards. According to the SOS, expenses for printing and mailing have increased due to paper shortages, postage and associated mailing expenses. The supplemental funding will be provided from Item 9840-001-0001, Augmentation for Contingencies or Emergencies.

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 to ensure the SOS can fulfill all of its spending obligations.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee