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Via Electronic Mail at: Joanna.southard@sos.ca.gov

Ms. Joanna Southard
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Elections Division
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Re: California Legislature Transparency Act (SOS Initiative No. 1742)

Dear Ms. Southard:

The firm represents the proponents of the California Legislature Transparency Act (SOS Initiative No. 1742). I am alerting you that the proponents have commenced the process of submitting their petition to all 58 county elections officials pursuant to Elections Code section 9030(a). It is anticipated that the total number of petition signatures submitted to all counties will exceed 930,000. In order to trigger the random sample verification process as quickly as possible, TODAY we will be submitting petitions bearing the signatures of well in excess of the 585,407 total necessary to trigger the Secretary of State's notification to counties to commence the random sample pursuant to Elections Code section 9030(c).

The petition sections circulated in the remaining counties will be filed in short order. Nonetheless, our hope is that the petition signatures submitted today will be counted by those counties as quickly as possible and tabulated by your office so that notice to counties to commence the random sample verification process can occur without delay. We understand the challenges facing county elections officials and our desire has been to submit the petitions as early as practicable and in the most efficient way possible.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Hiltachk

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