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Jane Nelson  
Secretary of State

May 29, 2026

Skye Perryman  
Democracy Forward Foundation

***Sent via Electronic Mail to: [foia@democracyforward.org](mailto:foia@democracyforward.org)***

Re: Clarified request for records, received: May 7, 2026 (SOS PIR No. 26-0432)

Dear Ms. Perryman:

Please find enclosed a copy of the written comments, without exhibits, submitted to the attorney general. The comments are regarding the request for a decision on whether information withheld from you in response to your May 7, 2026 clarified request for records (the "May 7 Request") is confidential under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.<sup>1</sup>

Consistent with our May 21, 2026 letter, please find the enclosed documents responsive to the May 7 Request. We require more time to continue reviewing our records and produce additional responsive information. We will provide you any additional responsive documents—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—by 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2026. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (512) 463-5770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Bitter".

Adam Bitter  
General Counsel  
Office of the Texas Secretary of State  
[generalcounsel@sos.texas.gov](mailto:generalcounsel@sos.texas.gov)  
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Enclosures

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<sup>1</sup> May 25, 2026 (Memorial Day) is designated as a national holiday under Section 662.003(a) of the Texas Government Code. This day thus does not qualify as a business day under the Public Information Act. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.0031(a)(2). Therefore, the 15th business day from the date that the Office received the May 7 Request is today, May 29, 2026.

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**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2026 3:43 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Subpoena Inquiry Questions

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**From:** Gleason, Paul L <paul.l.gleason@uscis.dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 7:39 PM  
**To:** Vogt, Kimberley H; DeNayer, Larry C; Davidson, Andrew J; Adam Bitter; Gleason, Paul L; Broderick, Brian J; Richards IV, William H (Bill); Honey, Heather  
**Subject:** Meeting (ScheduledMeeting)/Thread Id:  
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**From:** Honey, Heather <HEATHER.HONEY@hq.dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 11:02 AM  
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**Subject:** Contact Information

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Hi Adam,  
It was great connecting with you today. Just wanted to make sure you had my contact information.

Thank you,  
Heather

**Heather Honey**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Cell: 202.322.5272

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Ms. Williams,

Thank you for the update. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Separately, if the Department of Homeland Security needs to issue a subpoena to the Secretary of State for election records, please direct the subpoena to the Secretary of State's General Counsel at [generalcounsel@sos.texas.gov](mailto:generalcounsel@sos.texas.gov). Our office accepts administrative or grand jury subpoenas via email to the General Counsel.

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