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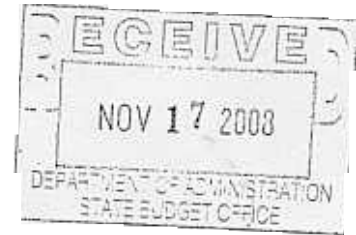


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David Schmiedicke
State Budget Office
Department of Administration
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Dear David,

In response to the directive to provide a budget reduction plan for the Office of the Secretary of State, we have struggled to find ways to reduce our already minimal fiscal and staff resources. With only 7.5 FTE staff, this office relies on cross-trained personnel to efficiently manage an ever-increasing workload.

Having a small staff, most with substantial seniority, it is a challenge to accommodate annual leave and sick leave, and still provide the service expected and required. This is service for which the public pays and that generates the program revenue which substantially funds this office.

This Office is operating on the absolute minimum in terms of staffing and funding, and it is simply impossible to offer a functional plan at a 10% reduction of our current staff or base budget.

Sincerely,

Doug La Follette
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Secretary of State

cc Linda Nelson

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