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Secretary Stapleton,

State Administration and Veterans Affairs Interim Committee (SAVA) members appreciated the introduction to your office provided at our opening meeting in July. Thank you for your presentation.

During our discussion with you, we spoke about your office's allegations of voter fraud in Montana. An Associated Press article that appeared the next day, cited you saying there were 360 cases of voter fraud in Montana.

To fulfill our oversight duties, the SAVA committee needs more information. As chair of the committee, I request that your office please work with SAVA staff person, Sheri Scurr, in Legislative Services and provide the following information for discussion at our September 14 meeting. Please also have a Secretary of State representative at the September 14 meeting to present the information and respond to any questions SAVA members may have.

County Name

Number of fraudulent votes your office cites in each county

Number of cases cited by rationale for the charge, such as, mismatched signatures, no signatures, or other issues, remembering that a charge of fraud must be proven legally with proof of intent What legal actions have been taken by each county against any alleged fraud cases, i.e., report to the Election Canvassing Committee, reports to police and county attorneys and any follow-up by them.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. None of us condone voter fraud and all of us want to do all we can to ensure all Montanans who are eligible are encouraged to vote.

Sincerely,

Senator Sue Malek, Chair

State Administration and Veterans Affairs Interim Committee

Cc: SAVA Committee members, Sheri Scurr and Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services