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September 25, 2025

The Honorable Christi Jacobsen
Montana Secretary of State
P.O. Box 20280
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Dear Secretary of State Jacobsen,

At its September 25, 2025, meeting, a majority of the members of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee (SAVA) objected to Montana Administrative Register (MAR) Notice No. 2025-256.1. This notice relates to the Secretary of State's proposed amendment to ARM 44.3.2902 relating to the annual election security assessment requirement.

The SAVA made its objection in accordance with § 2-4-406(1), MCA, as amended by HB 592 (2025). This statute requires the Secretary of State's Office to delay the adoption of the proposed amendment until at least the next SAVA meeting. Please note that at its next meeting, SAVA would like to take a closer look at proposed amendments to ARM 44.3.2902 relating to the election security self-assessment requirement. The next meeting of the SAVA committee is currently set for Monday, November 17, 2025.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa Manzella".

Senator Theresa Manzella, Presiding Officer

cc: Austin Markus James, Esq. (via e-mail)
Angela Nunn, Chief Deputy Montana Secretary of State (via e-mail)