STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
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SPECIAL NOTICE TO CITIZENS CONDUCTING VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

Minnesota Statutes 201.061, subdivision 1, requires that completed voter registration cards be processed in a timely manner. This law requires that "a state or local agency or an individual that accepts voter registration cards from a voter must submit the completed cards to the secretary of state or appropriate county auditor within 10 days after the cards are dated by the voter." For the sake of convenience, you may wish to send completed voter registration cards to the secretary of state's office, 60 Empire Drive, Suite 100, Saint Paul, MN 55103, where they will be forwarded to the appropriate office for processing.

Additionally, *Minnesota Statutes 201.054, subdivision 3,* prohibits certain methods of compensation for individuals collecting voter registration applications. The statute states that:

(a) No individual may be compensated for the solicitation, collection, or acceptance of voter registration applications from voters for submission to the secretary of state, a county auditor, or other local election official in a manner in which payment is calculated by multiplying (1) either a set or variable payment rate, by (2) the number of voter registration applications solicited, collected, or accepted.

(b) No individual may be deprived of compensation or have compensation automatically reduced exclusively for failure to solicit, collect, or accept a minimum number of voter registration applications, and no individual may receive additional compensation for reaching or exceeding a minimum number of voter registration applications.

(c) A person who violates this subdivision is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Thank you for your assistance in implementing these laws.

Sincerely,

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