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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On General
Government

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I oppose increasing the biennial expense budget for Secretary of State Corporations Division ("Division"), on the ground that the Division already has had ample General Fund allotment the past four years but has not expeditiously demonstrated security and other improvements to the services during that period. For months services were curtailed or unavailable on the existing system. I urge the Legislature not to reward past melancholy productivity with a budget increase, until the Division can ensure an improvement in the use of budget funds it already has.

Further, I do not believe the Director of the Division should be using state resources such as the email that I received on behalf of my business politicking for a "yes" vote to approve the bill. I believe this is a violation of state ethics rules and of expenditure policy.

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