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Dear Mr. Burman:

I'm responding to your public records disclosure request dated and received by our office via email on November 18, 2004. Your request, on behalf of the Democratic Party, is for copies of documents relating to the 2004 general election in these categories:

(1) Evaluation and certification of each voting system used by a county.

(2) Any modification of a voting system used by a county in Washington in the general election.

(3) Any special requirement for correct use of any voting system used by a county in Washington in the general election.

(4) L & A testing performed for the general election or in preparation for the recount.

(5) Any review performed or to be performed by the Office of the Secretary of State of county counting or canvassing procedures.

(6) The Office of the Secretary of State's activities and planned or considered activities under RCW 29A.60.250 and RCW 29A.04.570.

(7) Any reports to or investigations by the Office of the Secretary of State regarding errors, discrepancies, over- or undercounts, equipment malfunctions, inconsistencies, or similar matters among counties or precincts.

(8) All formal or informal advice to counties or other election officials during or regarding the counting, canvassing, and recount process.

Mr. Burman, I'd like to request some clarification to item #5 in your request. Please let me know if you're looking for specific reviews from this year, or any and all reviews the office has documentation for from previous years as well. I also want to advise you that any reviews done this year are currently in draft form and are not at this time public records as per RCW 42.17.310 (i); some of these reviews may not be finalized until the end of this year.

Due to the scope of your request, it will take some time to gather the documentation requested, but we appreciate the urgency to your request. We will pursue your request diligently, and will begin the process of gathering the requested documentation as quickly as possible for you. You may wish to visit the office and review the files when they have been gathered, and mark the files you wish to have copied, which may save a lot of unnecessary duplication and copying. Please let us know if this is an option you wish to consider. Otherwise, we'll certainly provide you copies of all documentation as requested. Please be advised that we charge a copying fee of $.15 per copy for any documents that are provided, as permitted by RCW 42.17.300. Upon receipt of payment, we will provide the requested documentation.

Sincerely,

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