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Via email at [REDACTED]
Andrew La Grone

RE: *Public Records Matter Involving the Nebraska Secretary of State*
File No. 20241171

Dear Mr. La Grone:

This letter is in response to the public records petition you submitted to this office on September 5, 2024, on behalf of your client, John Kuehn. You generally assert in the petition that Secretary of State Evnen denied Mr. Kuehn access to public records¹ by delaying the production of the requested records to September 11. We forwarded your petition to Secretary of State officials Colleen Byelick and Wayne Bena upon receipt. On September 19, Ms. Byelick provided this office a timeline detailing the access provided to your client by date and number of counties, culminating in your receipt of the final county's signature pages by email on September 13. We considered your petition under the provisions of the Nebraska Public Records Statutes (NPRS), Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 to 84-712.09 (2014, Cum. Supp. 2022), amended 2024 Neb. Laws LB 43 and LB 1204.

Since Secretary Evnen has provided your client complete access to all of the requested records, Mr. Kuehn has not been denied access to public records. As a result, no further action by this office is necessary and we are closing this file. If you disagree


¹ Mr. Kuehn's September 3, 2024, records request sought "access to the petition signature pages of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Initiative petition and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Initiative petition for the purpose of inspecting these documents and making copies using his own copying equipment." We understand your client was given immediate access to the petition pages for Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster County.

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with our handling of this matter, you may wish to determine what additional remedies may be available to you under the NPRS.

Sincerely,

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