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TO: Senator Hogue, Chairman, and Members of the Judiciary Committee

FR: Al Jaeger, Secretary of State

RE: Uniform Laws related to duties of the Secretary of State

During the past two legislative sessions, William L Guy of the State Bar Association and my office has recommended delaying the introduction of the uniform law related to limited liability companies. That is, until it was adopted by the State of Minnesota, which has now happened.

Now that it has, I respectfully request permission be granted allowing Mr., Guy and my office to work with the Legislative Council staff in the drafting of the bill that will be introduced in the upcoming legislative session. By doing so, the bill will already include on introduction the applicable provisions related to the agency's procedures and processes as it pertains to its administrative role relating to limited liability companies. Because of our early involvement in the drafting process, it will reduce or eliminate the need for substantial amendments to the bill during the upcoming session.

As it relates to the introduction of the proposed amendment to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), my office determined last session that it did not directly impact the administrative role of the Secretary of State's office. Because of that, we did not testify for or against the bill. Nevertheless, if it should be determined that it would have an impact, I also request the same permission be granted allowing us to work with Legislative Council staff.