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<u>Via Email Only</u>



Re: Alleged Violation of Title 24 of the NRS File C24-106 SOS

Dear Mr. Williams,

The Secretary of State's office (SOS) has finished its review of your Elections Integrity Violation Report (EIVR) received via email dated May 28, 2024. Specifically, the EIVR asserts there is no privacy when you vote by mail because you are required to sign the outside of your mail ballot envelope "in plain view for all to see." You believe this process could possibly result in your identity being stolen.

In order to cast a mail ballot, the voter must "affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space provided for the signature." <u>NRS 293.269917(1)(C)</u>. Furthermore, if there are questions surrounding the validity of a voter's signature on a mail ballot, the County Clerk must follow signature verification procedures pursuant to <u>NRS 293.269927</u>. Your suggested action regarding the overall mail ballot process would require a statutory change, which you may deem appropriate to discuss with your elected representatives. Your elected representatives can be identified by entering your residential address on the website <u>here</u>.

The SOS, as Chief Election Officer for the State of Nevada, is responsible for enforcement of the election laws contained in Title 24 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (<u>NRS 293.124</u>). However, the allegations described in your complaint do not amount to a statutory violation under Title 24. As a result, no further action will be taken by this office and your file will be closed.

If you have questions regarding the determination in the matter, please contact the undersigned at (702) 486-0868 or at <u>harrisd@sos.nv.gov</u>.

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Respectfully,

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