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Re: *League of Women Voters, et al. v. Mark Ritchie*
Case Number A12-0920

Dear Ms. Gernander:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter, please find fourteen copies of the letter from Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, dated June 14, 2012. The original letter from Secretary of State Mark Ritchie was transmitted to the Court by United States Mail on June 15, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Fraser".

BETH FRASER
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Enclosures

cc: See service list (via email and US mail)

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Appellate Case No. A12-0920

Dear Chief Justice Gildea:

As of today, three parties have petitioned to intervene and several have applied to submit amicus briefs. I urge the Court to allow all perspectives to be heard as it considers this very important matter.

As the State's Chief Elections Official, I have the ministerial duty to ensure that the ballots are properly printed, not to take a side as to whether a ballot question proposed by the Legislature accurately or completely represents a Constitutional amendment under consideration. I therefore will not be filing a brief in this matter. I look forward to honoring and following the Court's decision in the preparation of the ballots.

On the request from the Court for information about the date when a decision is needed to ensure the timely printing of general election ballots, I will provide this information by letter on or before the date requested, June 25th.

Sincerely,

MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

Cc: See Attached Service List

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