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John Kraft
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May 31, 2023

Dear Mr. Kraft,

On November 28, 2022, we received from the Office of the Executive Inspector General, a complaint you filed with that office regarding various allegations with the statements of economic interest forms filed with the Secretary of State by Senator Michael Hastings.

Your complaint alleged violations of state law regarding statement of economic interest forms filed with the Index Department of the Secretary of State for the following dates: May 1, 2019, November 25, 2019, May 27, 2020, April 26, 2021, and March 3, 2022.

The matters regarding our investigation of your complaint are confidential pursuant to Illinois State statute. Therefore, I cannot go into detail regarding our investigation. However, I can tell you that it took a long time and a lot of effort to conclude our investigation on May 22, 2023.

Our office concluded that your complaint was unsubstantiated due to a statutory ambiguity between gross income and taxable net income. The statute's reference to income "required to be reported on the filer's federal income tax return" does not explain whether it is gross income exceeding \$7500 or net taxable income exceeding \$7500 which must be reported on the statement of economic interest form.

Sincerely,

Michael P. McCuskey

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Legislative Inspector General

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