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RE: Resignation of Cisco Aguilar

Dear Chair and members of the Legislative Operations and Elections Committee,

Cisco Aguilar's actions leading up to and including the PPP in the implementation of the VREMS Project have been wanton and reckless, resulting in a national embarrassment. Everyone now knows, voters who opted-out of mail ballots and those who did not vote are reported as having their mail ballot counted on the SOS website, causing the SOS to make a public announcement to explain their mistake. The responsibility rests solely on Mr. Aguilar, not the counties as he would like us to believe. My trust in elections in Nevada have diminished greatly as a result of Mr. Aguilar's actions.

Mr. Mark Wlaschin, before the Standing Interim Legislative Operations and Elections Committee, April 1, 2022, said: "it does not appear that we'll be able to effectively implement the top-down voter registration prior to January of 2024, but with the intent is not do it quickly but do it properly. So, as it currently stands, I estimate prior to January 2026."

He goes on to say the following: "The public perception, again, while very important, the goal is to make sure that it's done right. Our electorate deserves it to be done right, first."

In March 2023, Mr. Aguilar announced his \$30 million push for the VREMS Project.<sup>1</sup>

I sent Mr. Aguilar a letter in June 2023, and said: "Your rush to get the VREMS Project online in time for 2024 is nothing short of reckless and goes against the advice of your staff."

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<sup>1</sup> <https://thenevadaglobe.com/articles/sos-aguilar-requests-45-m-budget-for-technology-upgrades/>

I wrote that because I believe Nevada should not be a technological proving ground for elections.

Lest we not forget the Automatic Voter Registration glitch that has persisted since its 2020 implementation. The AVR glitch flips party affiliation to non-party without voter knowledge or consent. Non-party has ballooned as a demographic as a result.

There are other factors, too, including lawmaking in the guise of regulation, that go to the maverick top-down election management of Cisco Aguilar.

Voting has long been regarded as “preservative of all rights.” *Yick Wo v. Hopkins*, 118 U.S. 356, 370 (1886).

To avoid the appearance of impropriety, the Secretary of State must be held to highest standards.

I wish to express my extreme displeasure with Secretary of State Cisco Aguilar and his top-down election management, and for the reasons stated herein to demand his immediate resignation.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Cisco Aguilar