July 27, 2021

Honorable Harvey Peeler, Jr.
President of the Senate
S.C. Senate
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Honorable Jay Lucas
Speaker of the House of Representatives
S.C. House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Peeler and Speaker Lucas,

Proviso 102.14 of the FY 2021-22 Appropriations Act requires the S.C. State Election Commission (SEC) to “submit a report to the General Assembly by August 1, 2021, on the number of election fraud investigations conducted regarding the November 2020 election.”

The SEC works closely with all of its law enforcement partners (the State Law Enforcement Division, U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security) to ensure safe and secure elections in the state of South Carolina. The 2020 General Election was no exception. Because of these active partnerships and through the resources given to this agency by the General Assembly, the 2020 General Election was not only the best election in the history of the state of South Carolina, conducted under the worst conditions, it was also the most secure in this state’s history.

This agency is aware of the claims and rumors of “election fraud” that started soon after the 2020 General Election was certified both in South Carolina and at the federal level. However, this agency has received no information pertaining to, nor has any knowledge of, any “election fraud” investigations in the state of South Carolina involving the 2020 General Election. Further, this agency has no law enforcement or prosecutorial powers or authority and, as such, this agency would not necessarily have any information related to such ongoing investigations. We believe this information, if it exists, would likely be held by the State Law Enforcement Division, the S.C Attorney General’s Office, the solicitor’s offices, or local law enforcement. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marci Andino
Executive Director