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Secretary of State Encourages Online Lobbyist Registration

(Pierre, S.D.) – With the 100th Legislative Session beginning on January 14, 2025, Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson encourages lobbyists to register early using the online Lobbyist Registration System.

Although there is no official deadline for registration and lobbyists may register at any point during the 100th Legislative Session, registering early helps to ensure that the Secretary of State's Office will have everything ready upon each lobbyist's arrival in Pierre.

For those who would like to register online, the Lobbyist Registration System can be found on the Secretary of State's website: <u>https://sosenterprise.sd.gov/businessservices/lobbyist/default.aspx</u>. New lobbyists should register by clicking the "Create New Lobbyist Registration" link, and returning lobbyists should simply sign in and review their registration information. All lobbyists should then provide information about their employer and pay the \$40.00 registration fee. The fee may be paid online using a credit or debit card.

For those who would like to use a paper form to register, the <u>lobbyist registration form</u> and <u>employer authorization form</u> may be found with embedded links or through the Lobbyist Registration System. These forms should be mailed to the Secretary of State's Office at 500 East Capitol Avenue Suite 204, Pierre, SD 57501 along with the \$40.00 registration fee.

It is highly encouraged that all lobbyists register before the 100th Legislative Session begins on January 14, 2025. If there are any questions about the registration process, please call the Secretary of State's Office at (605) 773-3537 or send an email to <u>Lobbyist@state.sd.us</u>.