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July 24, 2012

The Honorable Jason M. Gant
South Dakota Secretary of State
Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 204
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Provisional Certificate of Nomination of the Democratic Party's 2012 Nominees
for President and Vice President of the United States

Dear Secretary Gant:

As your office may be aware, the 2012 Democratic National Convention (the "Convention") will be held on September 3-6, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina. At that time, the Convention will formally nominate the following candidates as the Democratic Party's nominees for President and Vice President of the United States, respectively, in the November 6, 2012 general election:

For President of the United States

Barack Obama
5046 South Greenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60615

For Vice President of the United States

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
1209 Barley Mill Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19807

In advance of the Convention, I am providing this provisional statement to enable your office to fulfill all of its statutory duties regarding certificates of nomination in a timely and efficient manner, and to ensure that Barack Obama and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., appear as the Democratic Party's nominees for President and Vice President of the United States, respectively, on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 6, 2012. This includes, without limitation, appearance on all absentee and early voting ballots and inclusion on all voter information documents.



After the conclusion of the Convention, the Democratic Party will promptly supplement this filing with a certificate reflecting the foregoing candidates' formal nomination. The Democratic Party and the President and Vice President are eager to work with your office on all issues regarding the upcoming general election. If we can provide you any additional information or if you have any questions regarding this matter, I encourage you to contact Kip Wainscott, Counsel at Obama for America, at (312) 985-1459 or kwainscott@barackobama.com.

Sincerely,

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

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Chair, Democratic National Committee