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Charlene Woodcock
2355 Virginia St.
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Dear Ms. Woodcock:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the use of open source code in voting systems in California.

As you know, currently no such software exists. My staff has met with Alan Dechert of the Open Voting Consortium and continues to communicate with him on this subject. My office will be appointing a task force consisting of experts such as Mr. Dechert to conduct a study of Open Source Code and provide it to the Legislature. We have also asked him to recommend participants on our panel that will study open source code for voting systems.

Thank you again for your letter and I appreciate you taking the time to share your opinion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce McPherson".

BRUCE McPHERSON
Secretary of State