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Dear Senate General Government Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB4 in its current form, which proposes the creation of an Election Integrity Unit in the Secretary of States office.

While I fully support efforts to ensure the integrity and security of our elections, I have serious concerns about the structure and implications of this bill. Specifically, SB4 limits local prosecutors' discretion and authority to decide how election-related cases are handled. This erosion of prosecutorial independence is both unnecessary and counterproductive. The bill does not impose similar limitations on the Attorney General, creating a lopsided framework that undermines local control and prosecutorial judgment.

Furthermore, the proposed Election Integrity Unit is not a law enforcement agency and lacks the investigative authority and infrastructure that local sheriffs and police departments possess. In every other context—whether dealing with property crimes, fraud, or other offenses—our cities rely on trained, local law enforcement to investigate crimes before prosecutors become involved. There is no compelling reason to treat election-related offenses differently.

Any legislation that affects the ability of local prosecutors to perform their constitutional duties should be crafted in consultation with our offices. Prosecutors are uniquely positioned to understand the needs and circumstances of their communities. To enact such a fundamental change without our input sets a troubling precedent.

I respectfully request that SB4 be reconsidered or amended to preserve the discretion of local prosecutors and ensure that any election-related investigative authority remains within properly equipped and accountable law enforcement agencies. I also urge that future changes affecting prosecutorial authority be developed with full engagement and consultation from our offices.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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