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The Honorable Kris Kobach
Kansas Attorney General
Memorial Hall
120 SW 10th Street
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Dear Attorney General Kobach,

I am writing on behalf of Kansas business owners to highlight a growing concern regarding deceptive third-party mailers. Over the past several years, my office has received complaints about mailers that offer to provide services or filings that mimic those provided by the Secretary of State's office. These mailers charge exorbitant fees—often double or more the official cost. In some cases, the fees nearly triple normal costs; for example, an online information report normally costs \$90, but these scammers charge \$250. Numerous businesses have been misled by these mailers.

Last year, my office successfully sponsored legislation requiring any mailer to include a clear disclaimer notifying recipients that the mailing is not affiliated with the Secretary of State. Under this law, violations constitute a breach of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act.

Despite this law, misleading third-party mailers continue to circulate. In many cases, disclaimers are absent, incorrectly formatted, or printed in the wrong size. Examples of these mailers are enclosed.

My office is committed to safeguarding our business community. I would appreciate the opportunity to partner with your office to identify those who persist in scamming our state's businesses, and I welcome any steps the Attorney General's office can take to investigate violations and enforce compliance to protect Kansas businesses. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my staff if we can be of assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Schwab". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Scott Schwab
Kansas Secretary of State