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Michele Swanson
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Dear Ms. Swanson:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the Statements of Need and Reasonableness for the proposed rule relating to the state primary ballot. If you need any further information please feel free to contact our office again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Sigurdson".

Jeff Sigurdson
Election Procedures Assistant

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STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

The need arises to adopt Parts 8250.0350 and 8250.1400 from the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 204D.08, subd. 1 (supp. 1989); which requires the Secretary of State to establish rules for the format and preparation of the state primary ballot. The rationale for each individual rule is as follows:

1. Part 8250.0350 is needed to conform the rules on white ballot preparation to the state primary ballot. This is reasonable to provide consistent, easy to understand layout and printing instructions to election officials. The additional requirements on center column width and type size used in the instructions to the voter are reasonable because they provide the voter with a ballot format that is readable and easy to use.
2. Part 8250.1400 is needed to expand the provision for example ballots to include the state primary election. This is reasonable because it insures consistent and correct printing of the state primary ballot through out the state.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.11 the proposed rule will not have any impact on agricultural land nor will the adoption of this rule result in additional spending by local public bodies in excess of \$100,000 per year for the first two years following the adoption of this rule. Also pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.115, the proposed rule will not have an impact on small business in Minnesota.