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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Representative Tobias Read, Chair,
House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

From: Gary Blackmer, Audits Director, Secretary of State's Office

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Subject: HB 4047

This letter is intended to convey our reservations about a portion of HB 4047. The language in the bill calls for a task force to be appointed on Transportation and Customer Service Efficiency to study customer service performance in Department of Transportation field offices that provide driver and motor vehicle services.

The bill calls for the Secretary of State to appoint one representative from the Division of Audits. An auditor could not serve on the task force due to restrictions set forth in the *Government Auditing Standards*. Participation on the task force would be considered "non-audit services" and any other work conducted by the Audits Division would violate the independence standard set forth in Chapter 3 of the *Standards*.

As it is currently written, we could not participate in the task force or support this bill.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.