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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
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Dear Governor Wolf:

As you begin the process to replace Kathy Boockvar as Secretary of the Commonwealth, I ask you to follow a recommendation from last year's Election Reformers Network report, "Guardrails for the Guardians" to require the next Secretary of the Commonwealth to commit to total impartiality. As the report notes, "the problem of secretary of state conflict of interest exists in the context of a country facing accelerating partisanship and rapid destruction of political norms, where armed confrontation over election-related concerns is an increasingly imaginable scenario. This context demands that we address risks and potential sources for flashpoints and conflict."

Ms. Boockvar campaigned unsuccessfully as a Democratic Party candidate for the Bucks County Register of Wills in 2007, Commonwealth Court in 2011, and the U.S. Congress in 2012 and served as a Bucks County Democratic Committee member from 2006-2010. She donated more than \$15,000 to Democratic candidates.

The **next** Secretary should be a non-partisan professional without a partisan history which raises important questions about impartiality in the administration of our elections.

The nomination of a qualified, non-partisan, professional replacement for Ms. Boockvar will be an important first step when that person appears before the Senate State Government Committee, for our consideration and review.

Sincerely,


DAVID G. ARGALL
Chairman

Senate State Government Committee