



# Secretary of State

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Cory Heidelberger  
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Dear Mr. Heidelberger:

On April 1, 2014, an affidavit was filed with this office pursuant to SDCL § 12-1-13 challenging certain signatures on Annette Bosworth's Nominating Petition.

The candidate submitted 3,648 signature lines. Of that number, 795 were blank, 275 were registered to vote but not registered Republicans, 125 were not registered and 148 were not valid due to other reasons such as duplicates, invalid date of signing, invalid notary, etc.

State law requires 1,955 valid signatures for a Republican candidate for United State Senate. After reviewing the signatures lines, we have determined there are 2,305 valid signatures.

Some of the deficiencies of the challenge included assumptions like the listing of "RC" for Rapid City was invalid. "Penn" for Pennington County was invalid and the voter registration address needs to match the address listed on the petition are not valid signature lines.

Another issue in the affidavit cited that the circulator was not present at the time of collecting signatures. The Secretary of State does not have the statutory authority to investigate the claims that you list in the affidavit. I have forwarded the affidavit and relevant petition sheets to the Attorney General's office for their review.

This letter is formal notification to you that the challenge to the petition of Annette Bosworth was not successful and her name will continue to appear on the 2014 Primary Ballot as a candidate for United States Senate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Gant  
Secretary of State

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