January 10, 2013

Mr. Gregory Schmidt  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Mr. E. Dotson Wilson  
Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

VIA EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY  

Dear Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Wilson:

Attached is my office’s annual report on the California confidential mail forwarding program “Safe at Home,” which is required by California Government Code sections 6210 and 6216. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-7244.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Debra Bowen  
Secretary of State  

Attachment  

cc: Ms. Diane Boyer-Vine, Legislative Counsel
“Thank you for giving us the freedom and peace of mind we needed. We are blessed! Freedom at last to live without fear.”

-Safe at Home Participant
January 10, 2013

I am pleased to present the California Safe at Home 2012 Annual Report required by Government Code sections 6210 and 6216.

Thanks to a new law that I sponsored, this new year brings several improvements to the Safe at Home program. Now participating minors are allowed to renew program participation when they turn 18 years old. Stalking victims can now enroll without being required to submit evidence of being stalked.

I am proud of the diligent work done every day to protect home addresses of hundreds of Californians. For more details about this program that has served as a model for other states, please visit sos.ca.gov or call my office.

Debra Bowen
Secretary of State

Number of participants served since 1999: 6,826
Number of participants on January 1, 2012: 2,883
Number of current active participants: 3,067
Number of cases closed in 2012: 476
Number of applications rejected in 2012: 64

Percentage of participants who are women: 55%
Percentage of participants who are men: 6%
Percentage of participants who are children: 39%
Average length of enrollment: 3.6 years

Number of cases of misuse relating to elections: 0

Mail pieces forwarded in 2012: 116,422
Mail pieces forwarded in 1999: 11,000
Postage costs in 2012: $48,730
Postage costs in 1999: $6,000


Counties with highest enrollment:

Colusa [0] Modoc [1] Shasta [37]
Contra Costa [75] Mono [0] Sierra [0]
Inyo [0] Riverside [141] Trinity [1]
Kern [27] Sacramento [222] Tulare [52]
Lake [16] San Bernardino [166] Ventura [40]
Lassen [0] San Diego [343] Yolo [22]