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Subject: AGO Opinion Request

Joyce,

Representative Walsh is requesting a formal Attorney General Opinion on whether Washington State has any current laws which prohibit, restrict, or otherwise regulate "ballot harvesting."

By "ballot harvesting," he means:

- The act by individuals or organizations (including political parties, grassroots organizations, or others) to collect the completed ballot of any Washington registered voter or voters during elections and (1) drop the ballot(s) in the United States Postal Service mail; (2) drop the ballot(s) in an official ballot drop-box; or (3) deliver the ballot(s) to polling places or election offices.

To the extent that no current Washington law exists, he would further like to request an opinion on whether adopting a law which regulates ballot harvesting in Washington would present a problem under any federal or state constitutional provision.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like clarification at all.

Sincerely,

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