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SECRETARY OF STATE

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Mr. Jeff Coleman  
Coleman for Congress  
102 Juniper Court  
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Dear Mr. Coleman:

Our office is in receipt of your letter of February 28, 2022. As we have stated on numerous occasions, the deadline for qualification is a party issue.

On February 8, 2022, our office issued a press release stating that “. . . [P]rior to February 11, the U.S. Supreme Court granted the state’s stay and put us back at the status quo. . . . The question of whether or not the February 11 qualifying cutoff could still be followed is a party decision of which this office has no opinion.”

We are represented by the counsel of the Attorney General’s Office, and any further comments would need to come from that office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Merrill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John H. Merrill  
Alabama Secretary of State