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February 3, 2025

**OFFICE OF  
APPELLATE COURTS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN SUPREME COURT

A25-0157

Lisa Demuth, et al.,

Petitioners,

vs.

**DECLARATION OF  
STEVE SIMON**

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon,

Respondent.

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
) ss.  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

Steve Simon, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am the Minnesota Secretary of State. I have served in this role since 2015. Before serving as Secretary of State, I served in the Minnesota House of Representatives for ten years, from 2005 through 2014. This declaration is based on my personal knowledge.

2. Under state law, one of my duties as Secretary of State is to serve as the Minnesota House of Representatives' presiding officer at the beginning of each legislative session. I serve as the presiding officer until the House elects a speaker of the House. Because the House has not yet had a quorum in 2025, I have been the presiding officer since January 14, 2025.

3. I understand that, in this case, Representative Harry Niska alleges that he presented various written motions to me. During my time as the presiding officer in 2025, these motions have not been presented to me and the first I saw them was as exhibits to his declaration. I understand that Representative Niska also implies that the presiding officer is obligated to allow any representative who stands to speak and bring motions. This was not my experience when I served in the House of Representatives.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this declaration is true and correct.

Dated: February 3, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Simon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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STEVE SIMON