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Mr. Jay Stewart  
Better Government Association  
11 E Adams St., Suite 608  
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Re: Governor's Office of Citizen's Assistance

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The Governor's office forwarded me a copy of your "Open Letter from the Campaign Reform Community to Governor Rod Blagojevich" so that the State Board of Elections might respond. However, the State Board of Elections is powerless to take actions which are not authorized by statute. Therefore, the only the Governor or members of the legislature could accurately answer the questions you have posed in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Sturm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Steven J. Sturm  
Legal Counsel