



COLE JESTER

ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

September 12, 2025

Independent Citizens Commission
c/o Auditor of State
State Capitol, Suite 230
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for reaching out to my office. I hope your coming meeting goes well.

I am deeply appreciative of the work you do as public servants. I know it is done out of love for our great state, at the expense of your own time and resources.

I do not feel it constitutionally appropriate for the Secretary of State to request a salary adjustment, as the power to "review and adjust" statewide elected officials' salaries belongs to your commission alone under Amendment 94.

I fully trust the Commission to review economic and comparative data as appropriate in your decision making process for all positions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cole Jester".

Cole Jester
Arkansas Secretary of State