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Mr. Randy Kelley, Chair
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VIA U.S. MAIL AND ELECTRONIC EMAIL TRANSMISSION

Dear Mr. Kelley,

It has recently come to my attention that the Democratic National Convention is currently scheduled to convene on August 19, 2024, which is after the State of Alabama's statutory deadline for political parties to provide a certificate of nomination for President and Vice President on August 15, 2024, or "no later than the 82nd day next preceding the day fixed for the election." Ala. Code § 17-14-31(b). This deadline has been officially published within the 2024 Administrative Calendar for Statewide Election since June 2023, available online at www.sos.alabama.gov, as well the Alabama Election Handbook (Twenty-First Edition).

The certificate of nomination must be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention and by the chair of the state executive committee of the political party making the nomination. Ala. Code § 17-14-31(b).

If this Office has not received a valid certificate of nomination from the Democratic Party following its convention by the statutory deadline, I will be unable to certify the names of the Democratic Party's candidates for President and Vice President for ballot preparation for the 2024 general election. *See* Ala. Code §§ 17-13-22; 17-14-31(a).

Should you have any questions, please contact General Counsel, Michael L. Jones, Jr., at (334) 353-7857 or by email at mike.jones1@sos.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

Wes Allen
Secretary of State

Cc: Jaime R. Harrison, Chair of the Democratic National Committee