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Limited Review of a Complaint Regarding Alleged Government Interference in the Petition Process

Background:

On March 23, 2026, the Davis County Fraud Hotline received a complaint from a citizen, [REDACTED], alleging a conflict of interest and government overreach. [REDACTED] claimed he received a letter from the Davis County Clerk's Office instructing him to remove his name from a petition he had previously signed regarding state redistricting. The complainant expressed concern that the government was inappropriately telling him what he should or should not sign.

Procedures Performed:

To investigate the validity of the complaint and determine if County resources were being used to influence the petition process, we performed the following:

- Contacted the complainant on March 23, 2026, to acknowledge the report and request a copy of the correspondence in question to verify the sender.
- Performed a detailed review of the physical letter provided by the complainant, which included:
 - A "Better Boundaries" advocacy letter regarding the "Repeal of the Independent Redistricting Commission and Standards Act".
 - A signature removal form.
 - A pre-addressed return envelope to the Davis County Clerk's Office.
- Analyzed the "Paid for by" disclosures on the mailing to identify the organization responsible for the distribution.
- Confirmed Davis County's official stance on citizen participation in the petition process per discussions with the County Clerk.

Conclusion:

Based on our review, the complaint regarding government interference is **unsubstantiated**. Our findings are as follows:

- **Private Advocacy:** The letter was sent by "Better Boundaries," a private advocacy group, and was not affiliated with the Davis County Clerk's Office or any government agency.
- **Funding Source:** The mailing was paid for by "Utahns for Responsive Government" and authorized by "Utahns Protecting Our Constitution," not with taxpayer funds.
- **Mailing Convenience:** While the return envelope was addressed to the Clerk's office, it was provided by the private advocacy group as a convenience for voters wishing to submit a formal withdrawal under Utah law.

- **County Neutrality:** Davis County does not instruct citizens to remove their names from petitions, and the complainant's original signature remains valid unless they choose to submit the removal form voluntarily.

No further audit work or investigative action is considered necessary.