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SECRETARY SCHEDLER WARNS BUSINESSES ABOUT MISLEADING POSTCARDS

BATON ROUGE, La.—Secretary of State Tom Schedler is alerting business owners of fraudulent postcards being mailed to businesses indicating a “potential compliance violation.” The postcards direct owners to call a Business Compliance Division to avoid penalties and fees. **THIS POSTCARD IS NOT FROM THE LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE’S COMMERCIAL DIVISION** and should be immediately discarded.

“We are constantly watching for scams of this nature so we can warn business owners who might be fooled,” said Secretary Schedler. “We’ve seen similar attempts to defraud our customers through mailings and phone calls regarding their annual reports, but this is the first time we’ve seen postcards like these. As always, my advice to owners is to beware. If something doesn’t look or sound right, call my office immediately and we can assist.”

In past years, Commercial Division customers have also received correspondence from Corporate Records Service, Louisiana Corporate Compliance Business Services and Corporate Compliance Company. Phone calls earlier this year came from a company named Louisiana Council for Corporations and were also fraudulent. These companies are also not affiliated or associated with Louisiana state government in any way. Business owners with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Department of State’s Commercial Division for more information at 225.925.4704 or commercial@sos.la.gov.

Additionally, Secretary Schedler reminds owners to subscribe to the department’s commercial email notification system aimed at protecting businesses from fraud and identity theft. Anyone can sign up for the system which generates messages regarding changes to commercial entities, non-governmental correspondence, office closures and most importantly, warnings involving possible fraudulent activity.

Subscriptions to the system are voluntary, and individuals are able to easily register via the website while viewing a corporation record. Once subscribed under the specified entity, notifications will be sent if any changes are made to the company. In addition, the system will generate a message if an annual report is not filed on time; a business is not in good standing; or a business is revoked. Subscribers can also opt to receive messages via text.