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Joint Statement from Kane County Chairman and State's Attorney

In light of recent media attention regarding a report by the Kane County Auditor involving the hiring of a temporary worker, Chairman Corinne Pierog and State's Attorney Jamie Mosser release the following statement:

In February of 2021, Kane County Board Chairman Corinne Pierog approved the hiring of a temporary worker to assist in the unprecedented opening of the Covid-19 mass vaccination site in Batavia. The qualified temporary worker was the spouse of a current Kane County employee. The family relationship between the temporary worker and the Kane County employee was well known and fully disclosed to the Chairman and the Building Management Department Executive Director before the person was interviewed and ultimately hired through the Salem Group Employment Agency. The Kane County employee who was the spouse of the temporary worker was never involved in supervising the temporary worker or approving the timesheets.

The temporary worker was assigned to the Building Management Department, where she worked collaboratively with the Executive Director to open, promote and maintain Kane County's vaccination sites. The Building Management Executive Director reviewed and approved the temporary worker's timesheets.

This matter has been reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office. No violation of County policy or Ethics Code provision occurred in connection with the hiring or employment of this temporary worker.

In a February 2022 report on the Salem Group, the Kane County Auditor's office identified a need to update the County's policies regarding temporary workers and has further recommended that the hiring requirements and procedures for temporary workers be consistent with County requirements for regular full-time workers. Those recommendations are currently under review by the Kane County Human Services Committee.