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The Honorable Dr. Willie E. May, Director  
National Institute of Standards and Technology  
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Dear Dr. May:

On behalf of the Standards Board of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), I am writing to voice our gratitude for the involvement of NIST with previous efforts in crafting voting system standards with the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC). As we move forward on a new set of Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG), we know NIST will continue to act as an excellent technical resource.

You recently received a letter regarding the TGDC from the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). We appreciate you and the EAC moving quickly to make appointments so the TGDC could be re-formed and made operational as soon as possible. We agree with the need for the TGDC to include non-governmental partners to improve the speed and efficiency of this important work. Further, we support continued advances in reaching a common data format as a means to improving voting technology nationwide.

As part of our initial meeting, we selected two members of our Standards Board to serve with you on the TGDC – Bob Giles and Greg Riddlemoser. We also reconstituted the VVSG Committee, who will be reaching out to you separately, who will work more closely with you to review the new standards and provide other valuable input.

After a thorough discussion among our executive committee, we also would like to emphasize the need for the broadest input possible from voting system vendors. We know that they have a vested interest in what standards they will be asked to meet when creating the next generation of voting equipment; but we don't wish to see their concerns dismissed as simply self-serving. All of the stakeholders have their own interests, and the broader the participation in the process creating them the better the standards will be.

Finally, it is vital to the standards development process that NIST maintain a strong partnership with the EAC and its advisory boards so the key stakeholders in this work have continual input into the process. The EAC's relationships with the election community should be leveraged by NIST as you provide the

technical advice to the TGDC required by HAVA. This partnership will also allow the EAC to maintain a testing and certification program that adds value to state and local election administrators and ensures that the new standards are understandable and useful in selecting new voting equipment.

Know that we stand ready to assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Bradley King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "K" at the end.

J. Bradley King, Chair  
EAC Standards Board

Cc: Chairwoman Christy McCormick, Designated Federal Officer