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The Honorable Connie Lawson Secretary of State of Indiana 201 State House 302 West Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Secretary Lawson:

The Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) is pleased to present the enclosed documents for your review and approval.

These documents, Indiana Electronic Poll Book Certification Test Protocol for the Voting System Technical Oversight Program and CERTIFICATION TEST REPORT FOR EXAMINATION OF ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK FOR THE VOTING SYSTEM TECHNICAL OVERSIGHT PROGRAM, have been developed following extensive consultation with nationally accredited testing laboratories and electronic pollbook vendors. We believe that these documents have been significantly improved by the comments and suggestions we have received from the laboratories, vendors, and members of the Election Division staff.

The development of these protocols has also helped us identify further practical issues in the implementation of the new technology employed in electronic poll books. Resolving some of these issues may require legislation for the 2014 session (such as refining our terminology to distinguish between "electronic poll lists" and "electronic poll books", or in clarifying how counties using electronic pollbooks should implement existing laws permitting a voter to indicate a change of name or change of address within a precinct by "writing on the poll list"). Other issues and our experiences in implementing these protocols may require future revisions to the documents, which we will submit to you for further consideration.

We are eager to proceed with testing and certification process regarding the pending applications from five ePollBook vendors, and expect to receive additional applications after these documents are approved.

We join with you in celebrating in achieving this milestone in Indiana's groundbreaking implementation of the electronic pollbook certification process. VSTOP is confident that these documents will be useful to other states that consider undertaking this important process.

Respectfully submitted by the VSTOP Team,

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## Attachments:

- 1. Indiana Electronic Poll Book Certification Test Protocol for the Voting System Technical Oversight Program
- 2. CERTIFICATION TEST REPORT FOR EXAMINATION OF ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK FOR THE VOTING SYSTEM TECHNICAL OVERSIGHT PROGRAM