



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
1201 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 300
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

February 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Transmittal of the FY 2013 Interim Congressional Budget Justification and
FY 2011 Annual Performance Report

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Attached please find the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) FY 2013 Interim Congressional Budget Justification and FY 2011 Annual Performance Report, supporting the request contained in the FY 2013 President's Budget.

Please note that since December 11, 2010, EAC has lacked a quorum of Commissioners necessary to do certain business, including the adoption of a formal budget justification. However, in order to meet our responsibility to submit to Congress timely information regarding our budget request, we submit the necessary information that would be contained in a formal justification but for the lack of a quorum. It is our intention to formally submit this document and its attachment to the Commission for a ratification tally vote once a quorum has been re-established.

We further wish to note that pending the re-establishment of a quorum, and in light of the present fiscal situation facing the Federal government, EAC staff continues its work on a structural reorganization of the Commission that will allow the agency to meet its statutory obligations in an effective and efficient manner with less resources.

When EAC first became operational in 2004, the small staff concentrated on the agency's statutory responsibilities to disburse initial Help America Vote Act funds to the states, and conduct mandated studies. As a result, the Commission received criticism that it was not certifying voting systems quickly enough and was not meeting some of the standard responsibilities of every Federal agency. Consequently, EAC responded by hiring staff with specific skill sets who established sound operating procedures in nearly all areas of operation. The agency is now in a position to continue exercising its responsibilities with fewer resources.

We look forward to working with Congress and the Administration in the development of the agency's FY 2013 budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Robbins".

Mark A. Robbins
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Director

Attachment