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Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail

Mona Harrington, Acting Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the state of State of Maryland will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # MD20101CARES, for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of HAVA and will not use the funds in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA.

We further certify that we have reviewed and accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number (formerly DUNS) is 09-039-8475 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$7,452,501. We will use the funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically and internationally, for the 2020 Federal Election cycle. To address the effects of the coronavirus on the election we will use the funds for the increase printing and mailing of absentee ballots for vote by mail. Maryland will provide pre-paid return postage for all voted ballots.

Maryland will use the funds for personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies for staff, poll workers and volunteers at polling places and during canvassing. Maryland will also need to provide public communication of the changes in registration, ballot request options and voting procedures. The Election staff is mandated to telework; therefore, Maryland will need to purchase additional laptops and mobile IT equipment to ensure that staff is using updated technology and software when accessing sensitive data on the network.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Shelly Holland at 410.269.2848 or shelly.holland@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda H. Lamone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda H. Lamone
State Administrator & Chief Election Official

cc:
Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Consultant