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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 follow up on the April 14th communication concerning New York's application for CARES Act funds. Our agency has received budget authorization from the NYS Division of Budget (DOB) to receive and spend the federal funds. Also, the DOB confirmed the fund for the twenty percent state match in order to receive the federal funds.

New York is requesting \$ 20,567,088 at this time.

The State Board plans to sub-allocate all the CARES Act grant funds to the 57 county boards of elections and the New York City Board of Elections proportionally based on the total number of voters published on February 21, 2020. As such, the State Board has created a grant program for use in this effort.

To address the effects of coronavirus on elections, New York will make funds available to county boards of elections who administer elections within the jurisdiction of the respective board. Based on conversations the State Board has had so far with local election administrators, there is an increased need to provide supplemental communications to voters with information on rescheduled elections and alternative voting locations or changes to absentee ballot provisions; efforts to replace voting locations due to sites that are no longer available; recruitment and training for poll workers due to cancellation from existing election workers; increased processing and canvassing equipment and supplies to handle the increase in absentee voting requests to handle receipt, processing and sending out ballots; and a greater number of supplies such as applications, ballots, envelopes, and increased postage costs related to the expansion of the use of absentee voting. Election administrators have also requested

supplies to clean poll sites, voting equipment and to protect the health and safety of voters and election workers, such as hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes and PPEs such as gloves, masks, etc. This is not an exhaustive list.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact me at 518-474-8100 or.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Brehm". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert A. Brehm

Co-Executive Director and
Chief State Election Official

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