April 14, 2020

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 New York will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # NY20101CARES, 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.

I further certify that I have reviewed and accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. The UEI number (formerly DUNS) is 617252317 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

New York is requesting $0.00 (zero) at this time. Currently, the NYS Division of Budget is unable to provide the State Board with budget authorization to receive and expend such funds or how New York plans to provide a match of twenty (20) percent of the federal funds. DOB provided an estimate that it may be able to provide our office with information before April 24, 2020.

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 when budget authority is received.

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,

Robert A. Brehm
Co-Executive Director and
Chief State Election Official

Cc.
Peg Rosenberry, Grants Consultant