April 10, 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 Washington will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement #WA20101CARES, 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 178919429 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting $8,343,778. We will use the funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 federal election cycle. To address the impacts of the coronavirus on the election we will distribute the funds to the 39 county election offices to use for additional staffing, including salary and benefits, facility rental, equipment needs, and personal protection equipment supplies to protect election workers against the virus. Our office plans to retain $150,000 for a statewide communications campaign, salary and benefits for a grant specialist to manage the CARES Act grant, and facility rental needs for initiative and referendum processing in order to determine if they qualify to be placed on the November general election ballot.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Mark Neary at 360-902-4186 or mark.neary@sos.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kim Wyman
Washington Secretary of State

Cc.
Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager