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

Dear Mr. Newby:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the State of Connecticut will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # CT18101001, 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 004534830 and the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying is enclosed.

We are requesting \$5,120,554 at this time. We will develop the program narrative as follows: We convened a task force to evaluate and advise on matters of cybersecurity. The task force evaluated our current cybersecurity practices and policies, and shared information about resource strategies. Our focus for the use of the funds is to address any vulnerabilities in the management of local voter registration systems, provide cybersecurity training for the local election officials, develop more robust election auditing procedures, and provide enhanced communication with local IT officials. We are enhancing security for all access points to our voter registrations systems and are seeking to retain a full-time cyber security resource dedicated to the elections infrastructure.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Peggy Reeves, Elections Director, at 860-509-6123 or [peggy.reeves@ct.gov](mailto:peggy.reeves@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

Denise W. Merrill  
Secretary of the State

Cc: Mark Abbott, Director of Payments and Grants

To: US Election Assistance Commission

**Certification Regarding Lobbying**


**Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that: (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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ii) Recipient integrity and performance matters. If the total Federal share of the Federal award may include more than \$500,000 over the period of performance, the Federal awarding agency must include the term and condition available in Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters. See also 2 C.F.R. §200.113 Mandatory disclosures.