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Chairwoman Donetta Davidson US Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100 Washington, D.C. 20005

Submitted via email: havacomments@eac.gov

Dear Chairwoman Davidson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed Maintenance of Expenditure (MOE) Policy, as amended on February 19, 2010. The Washington State Office of the Secretary of State, as well as our Counties strongly supports the proposed MOE policy.

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that has been expended on MOE over the past two years. The proposed policy meets the spirit of HAVA while allowing a flexible and reasonable approach for lower tier recipients to manage the challenges outlined in the policy.

We urge the EAC to adopt this policy as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 360-902-4169. If you prefer, you may email me at lori.guerrero@sos.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Lori Guerrero

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Cc: The Honorable Gracia Hillman, Vice Chair The Honorable Gineen Beach