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U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
Attn: Curtis Crider, Inspector General  
1225 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Crider,

As Montana's new Secretary of State I am committed to ensuring that our state's handling of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds complies with all federal regulations and with the Election Assistance Commission's expectations. Since taking office earlier this year, I have learned that Montana's HAVA funds have never been federally audited since the state's first receipt of HAVA funds in 2003.

Please consider this an official request for a federal audit covering all of Montana's HAVA funds.

I have instructed my staff to begin preparing any and all necessary financial reporting documents required for your office's review. It is our hope that the U.S. Election Assistance Commission could conduct the audit sometime this fall (September or October).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Linda McCulloch