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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President Board of Alders of the City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers:

We are pleased to submit for your consideration the attached Municipal Electronic Voting Equipment Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of New Haven. For the most recent presidential election, the City was included among a small group of municipalities in Connecticut to receive early delivery of new, state-of-the-art tabulation machines to count ballots. The Board of Alders approved of our prior request for an order to receive the machines in September 2024. Recently the State announced that it is gifting all machines to the municipalities and to accept the gift of these machines, we seek Board of Alders approval of this gift.

As part of the gift, the State requires that the municipalities agree to maintain the machines as they would have if the State were still leasing the machines to each municipality, and in a manner similar to the previous set of tabulator machines that the Secretary of the State's office provided to municipalities. This agreement, with a term lasting to July 31, 2034, acknowledges the Agreement reached between the State and Election Systems & Software, LLC, the provider of the machines, and affirms that the City will abide by the terms of the Agreement, including licensing and support and maintenance service terms. In the Electronic Voting Equipment Lease Agreement approved in September, 2024, the City agreed to maintain the new tabulators and to be responsible for any loss or damage to the machines during the time that the City has the machines.

The new tabulators performed well in the most recent presidential election and improved the experience of New Haven voters and the experience and efficiency of those administering the election.

We urge your favorable review on this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

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