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RE: Withdrawal of MOVE Act Waiver

Dear Mr. Herren:

As you requested in our conference call yesterday, I am submitting to you the division's proposal for compliance with the 45-day ballot transit time.

As we discussed, the state was able to formulate a plan to comply with the MOVE Act ballot transit time, and so Alaska no longer needs a waiver from the 45-day deadline. Under the new plan, the division will complete the state review board process on an expedited schedule, and expedite other elements of the election certification process. The division has increased the number of members of the state review board in order to expedite the election certification process.

As you are aware, there are two very close state legislative races in House District 12 and 18. Two teams of the state review board will begin their review with these districts in order to certify the House District races on September 9, 2010.

The division will request candidates for these two districts to submit a request for recount immediately versus waiting for the maximum five day period allowed for by state law. The division will conduct the recount within two days of receipt of the recount application. Both recounts would be able to be conducted on the same day and completed in one day.

The absentee office will begin UOCAVA ballot mailing preparation the week of September 13. Envelopes will be labeled and all absentee related documents will be inserted, with the exception of the ballot.

The last day to withdraw from the general election ballot is September 15. The division plans to certify the primary election on September 15 or 16. As soon as certification is

complete, the division will produce .pdf versions of all forty house district ballots. These ballots will include all races applicable to the house district, including all federal races. The absentee office will copy ballots and complete the ballot mailing for delivery to the U.S. Postal Service on September 18, 2010.

The absentee office will also fax ballots to UOCAVA voters that have requested their ballot be sent by fax on September 18, 2010.

As new requests for absentee ballots are received from UOCAVA voters, the division will continue to mail or fax the .pdf version of the ballot to UOCAVA voters until the official ballot becomes available.

Although the state does not believe it is required I commit to providing your office with updates as deadlines are met. These updates will include certification dates for the two close house district races, date of recount, date of recount completion, date of certification for the remainder of races and ballot propositions, and date ballots are provided to the absentee office.

I will also provide you with the number of ballots mailed and faxed to UOCAVA voters on September 18, 2010.

The division is pleased that Alaska is able to meet the 45 day ballot transit time and no longer needs a waiver from this deadline.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-465-2644.

Sincerely,

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Director

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