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October 7, 2024

Commissioner Dustin Czarny
Commissioner Michele Sardo
Onondaga County Board of Elections
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Dear Commissioners Czarny and Sardo:

As the Co-Executive Directors of the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE), we are writing as a follow up to our letter dated October 4, 2024, where we expressed our grave concern over the ongoing backlog of voter registration applications, absentee/early vote-by-mail requests and other voter list maintenance transactions within the Onondaga County Board of Elections. In that communication, we stated:

> *All outstanding voter registration applications, mail ballot requests, and UOCAVA/MOVE Act forms* ***must*** *be fully processed by* ***Sunday, October 6, 2024****. This is a firm deadline, and failure to meet it will result in immediate state intervention.*
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> *Should your office fail to meet this deadline, the NYSBOE will take all necessary actions to ensure the voters of Onondaga County are not disenfranchised. The NYSBOE is prepared to act swiftly and decisively to resolve this situation.*

As of today, Monday, October 7, 2024, your backlog persists. To ensure voters are no longer impacted, the State Board of Elections will be taking the unprecedented action of directly dedicating staff resources to ensure the backlog is resolved, as is permitted by §3-102 (1), (17) of Election Law. In that regard, the Co-Executive Directors hereby direct the Onondaga Board of Elections to prepare for the arrival of nine (9) staff members, including the Director and Deputy Director of the Election Operations Unit, who will be dedicated to assisting the county in completing all remaining transactions. As discussed with you on our call earlier today, said personnel will be on site starting tomorrow, Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

This decision was not taken lightly and was made to ensure the timely enfranchisement of the voters in your county. Our Chief Information Officer has already reached out to your County IT Director and it is our understanding that workstations will be available for the State Board staff. Please coordinate directly with our personnel upon their arrival and provide them with any additional resources or assistance they may require.

As we continue to monitor this ongoing situation, we shall continue to issue directives to ensure the proper order of election administration as we approach the General Election.

Regards,

Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky
Co-Executive Director

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