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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you to voice my support for the reappointments of Brian Newby and Cliff Tatum, who respectively serve as the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Executive Director and General Counsel.

With the 2020 election cycle quickly approaching, maintaining continuity and consistency within the EAC is essential. During the 2016 election, Secretaries of State and election officials found themselves in new and unknown territory. Through Mr. Newby's and Mr. Tatum's poise, fairness, and experience, we were able to administer a safe and secure election. Since then, Mr. Newby, Mr. Tatum, and the EAC have worked tirelessly to bridge the divide between election officials and federal intelligence agencies, all for the benefit of American voters. The previous lack of transparency from federal intelligence agencies only emphasizes the importance of these leadership characteristics.

I believe Mr. Newby's and Mr. Tatum's reappointment is important for continued expeditious work on the VVSG 2.0 guidelines and requirements. As Indiana's Secretary of State, Chief Elections Officer, and former President of the National Association of Secretaries of State, I support Brian Newby and Cliff Tatum and hope to continue working with them.

Sincerely,

Connie Lawson
Indiana Secretary of State