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Ferry County Canvassing Board
c/o The Honorable Dianna Galvan
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Dear Canvassing Board Members:

In accordance with RCW 29A.04.570, the State Election Certification and Training Program conducted a comprehensive review of election procedures in Ferry County during the 2006 General Election.

The RCW also requires a follow-up visit prior to the next Primary or General Election to verify the County Auditor has taken the steps necessary to correct the changes recommended in the review report. During the follow-up visit, all of the recommendations and suggestions in the review report were discussed.

Several of the recommendations in the report dealt with missing information on various forms. The County Auditor communicated to the reviewer that all missing items are now included in the forms.

The Notice of Closing of Registration in the 2006 General Election was printed with the wrong date. For the 2007 Primary Election, this notice was again printed with incorrect dates. The Ferry County Auditor will continue to work with her staff on proofreading all published notices.

In 2006, certain instructions were missing in the materials sent out with the ballots. The County Auditor communicated that all missing instructions are now included.

The Ferry County Auditor was also given recommendations on keeping duplication and resolution logs in compliance with statute and rule. The recommendations made are now included as part of the elections department's procedures.

Other items listed in the report, such as the placement of a second deposit site, timing of filing questionnaires to districts, signage at the County Auditor's Office on Election Day, and use of security envelopes for provisional ballots were all addressed exactly as recommended in the report. The County Auditor's Office is also working on maintaining thorough and up to date written procedures as the reviewer suggested.

One area in which the Ferry County Auditor's Office has been working very hard is creating a Disability Advisory Committee as required by statute. It was recommended that disabled persons or experts on providing accommodations for disabled persons be included in the committee. The County Auditor has contacted various individuals and organizations by phone, email, and mail, with no volunteers and no helpful information given. In addition to direct contact, a request for volunteers to be on the committee was published in the newspaper in hopes of reaching a wide audience and finding members. There was no response to the advertisement, and no volunteers attended the scheduled meeting.

The Ferry County Auditor's Office has made a great effort in addressing the issues brought up in the review report. She and her staff are continuing to work on areas such as proofreading and establishing a Disability Advisory Committee. The Ferry County Auditor and her staff should be commended for their dedication to administering elections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha Duncan".

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