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Wahkiakum County Canvassing Board
c/o Diane Tischer, Wahkiakum County Auditor
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Dear County 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 Wahkiakum County during the 2008 Primary Election.

The RCW also requires a follow-up contact to verify the Wahkiakum County Elections Department has taken the steps necessary to correct the changes recommended in the review report.

I am pleased to acknowledge that the elections department has implemented all but one of the recommendations made during the Election Review.

- 1. Certified Election Administrators.** *Each county is required to have not less than two certified election administrators on staff. The County Auditor, Diane Tischer, is the only certified election administrator in the Wahkiakum County Auditor's Office. (RCW 36.22.220)*

Follow Up: The county elections office is understaffed and lacks available staff that could become certified. Because of a decline in county revenues, the County Auditor is unable to hire any additional staff at this time.

I commend the elections department for their obvious dedication to the election process and their desire to improve an already competent operation.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (360) 725-5785 or email to kay.ramsay@sos.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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