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Honorable Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
State of Connecticut
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06134

Dear Secretary Barnes:

This letter is written in response to your request for information regarding the impact of the federal government shutdown on the operations of the Office of the Secretary of the State.

Currently, we are not receiving any federal funding to administer state or federal programs, nor do we have any federally funded positions. With the state assuming the former HAVA funding in the recently passed budget, we are no longer drawing on that grant program.

You also sought suggestions for rescissions. We can report that our operating budget is very lean at this time. The budget has been reduced significantly in the last several years due to both cuts and programmatic changes resulting in major savings. If rescissions are inevitable, we may be able to make marginal give-backs in the commercial recording and personal service lines but not without sacrificing productivity and innovation at this relatively small agency.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Spallone".

James F. Spallone

cc: Hon. Denise W. Merrill, Secretary of the State
Blanche Tucker, Fiscal Manager, Secretary of the State
Grant Gager, Office of Fiscal Analysis