



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

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Honorable Josh Shapiro
Pennsylvania Attorney General
16th Floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Honorable Hector Balderas
Attorney General of New Mexico
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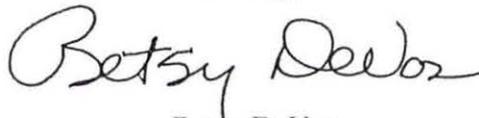
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Honorable Xavier Becerra
California Attorney General
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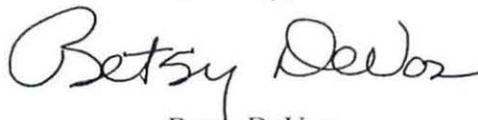
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Honorable George Jepsen
Connecticut Attorney General
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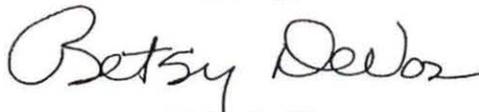
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Honorable Matthew Denn
Delaware Attorney General
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Dover, DE 19904

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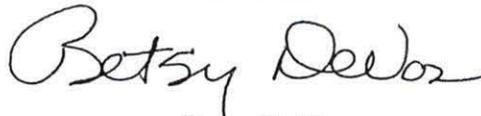
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Attorney General for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW
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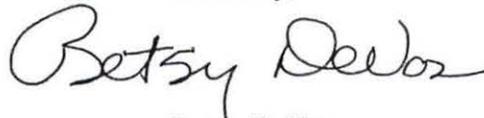
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Hawaii Attorney General
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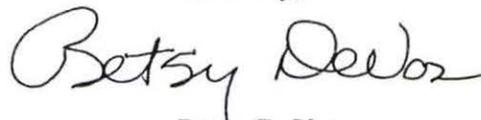
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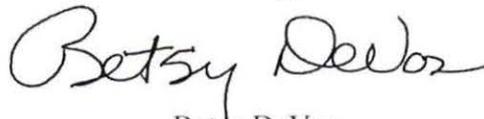
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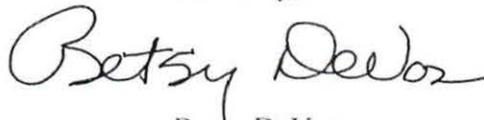
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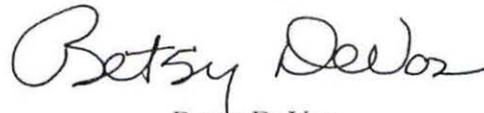
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August 28, 2017

Honorable Brian E. Frosh
Maryland Attorney General
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

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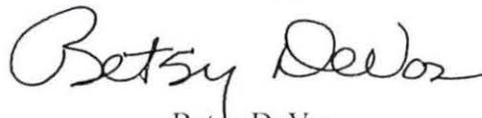
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Massachusetts Attorney General
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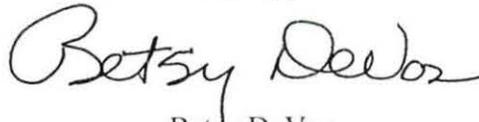
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Minnesota Attorney General
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2131

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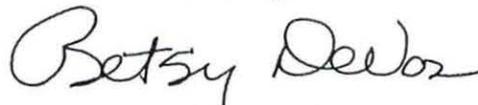
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New York Attorney General
The Capitol
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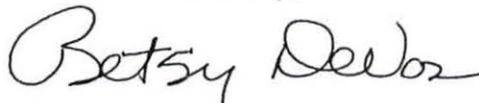
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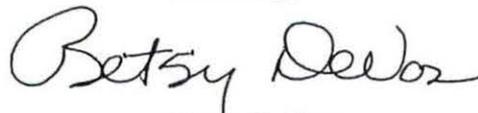
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Rhode Island Attorney General
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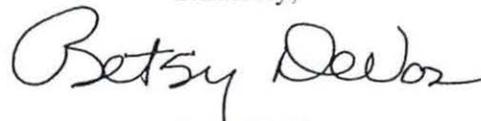
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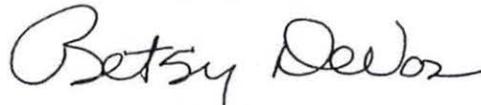
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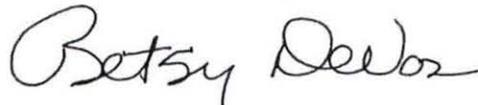
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