



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

August 28, 2017

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  
P.O. Drawer 1508  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1508

Dear Attorney General Balderas:

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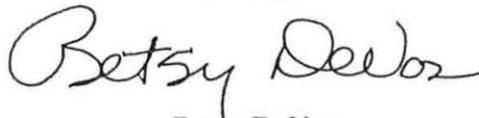
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California Attorney General  
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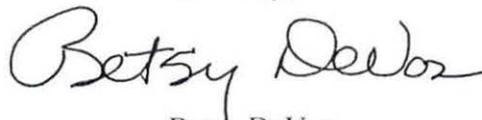
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Honorable George Jepsen  
Connecticut Attorney General  
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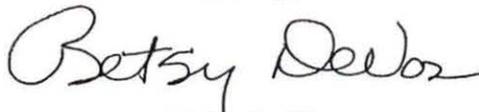
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Honorable Matthew Denn  
Delaware Attorney General  
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Attorney General for the District of Columbia  
441 4th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

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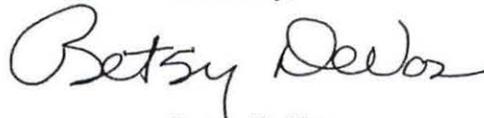
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Hawaii Attorney General  
425 Queen Street  
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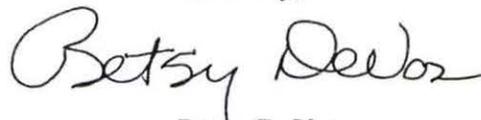
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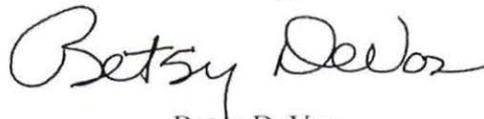
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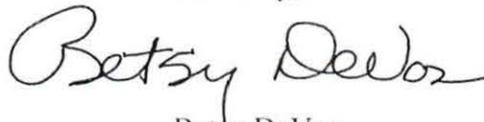
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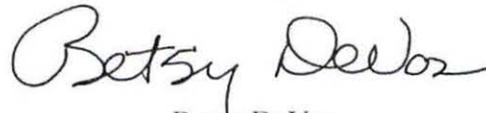
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August 28, 2017

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

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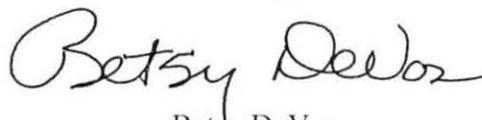
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Honorable Maura Healey  
Massachusetts Attorney General  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108-1518

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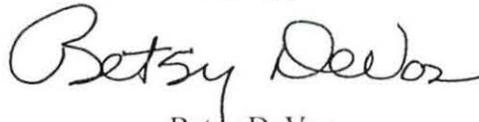
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Honorable Lori Swanson  
Minnesota Attorney General  
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2131

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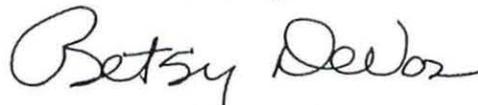
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New York Attorney General  
The Capitol  
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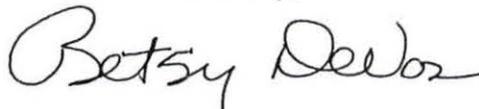
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Attorney General of North Carolina  
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Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

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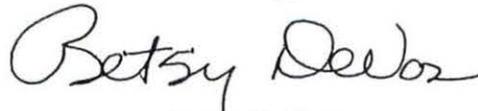
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Oregon Attorney General  
1162 Court Street, NE  
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Rhode Island Attorney General  
150 South Main Street  
Providence, RI 02903

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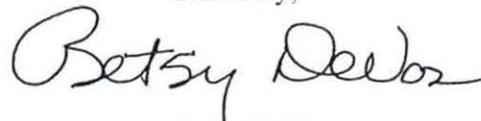
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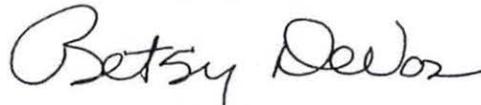
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Virginia Attorney General  
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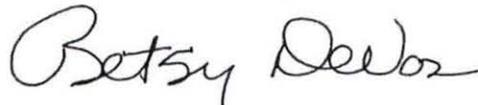
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