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Dear Ms. Martínez and Mr. Clemente:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges the Puerto Rico submission through the RSA website of the FY 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) in the form of the assurances (Part I) and narratives (Part II) in compliance with Title VII, Section 704 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (Rehabilitation Act).

RSA has reviewed and approved the SPIL, after ensuring its conformity with statutory provisions of the Rehabilitation Act, implementing regulations and administrative requirements of RSA. Both the DSU and the SILC are responsible for ensuring that the SPIL assurances and activities are implemented in accordance with federal requirements. In accordance with the approval of the SPIL, RSA is making available to Puerto Rico its Title VII, IL Part B grant award effective October 1, 2013.

The approved FY 2014-2016 SPIL will be published by RSA and made available to the public on the RSA website by October 1, 2013. Independent living stakeholders, who wish to read the SPIL, may visit <http://rsa.ed.gov>, select the appropriate state, search for "Independent Living State Grants Program" and select "SPIL."

If you and your staff have questions related to this review or the approval of the FY 2014-2016 SPIL, please contact your IL Unit representative, Felipe Lulli, by telephone at (202) 245-7425 or electronically at felipe.lulli@ed.gov.

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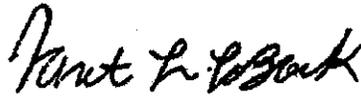
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We appreciate your continuing efforts to promote the independent living, empowerment and community integration of individuals with significant disabilities in your state.

Sincerely,



Janet LaBreck
Commissioner

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