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Secretary of State William Francis Galvin
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Secretary Galvin:

Pursuant to Chapter 273 of the Acts of 2018, an FY18 Supplemental Budget, the Division of Local Mandates within the Office of the State Auditor was asked by your office to certify expenses for all cities and towns of the Commonwealth from the early voting period of 2018. I am pleased to report that, after compiling and reviewing responses from each of our 351 municipalities, we are certifying a total of $1,144,156.22 for the mandated early voting costs related to the general election held in the fall of 2018. The detailed amounts for each community are shown in the attached spreadsheet.

In order to compile and certify this total, my office sent an electronic survey to elections officials (primarily city and town clerks) in all 351 municipalities, asking them specific questions about the expenditures they incurred to meet the requirements of the early voting law. As you may recall, that law called on municipalities to offer early voting during normal business hours during a 12-day period in October 2018. Our mandate determination found that some additional expenses – such as overtime for regular employees or the cost of additional election workers – incurred to support early voting, constituted an unfunded mandate, thus requiring reimbursement from the Commonwealth. These expenses, having been electronically submitted and carefully examined by our Division of Local Mandates, comprise the total cited above.

In preparation for the 2018 general election, the legislature appropriated $2,500,000 for your office to dispense to municipalities to support early voting. In part because you have already provided some funding for communities that offered additional voting hours over the weekend of October 27 and 28, 2018 (beyond the minimum hours specified by the law), our analysis did not include those costs, nor are those optional expenditures included in the totals attached today.

This process accounts for the expenses for 2018. We now look forward to working with you as the Commonwealth develops a formal, ongoing procedure for covering these local costs for state-mandated early voting in 2020 and beyond. We have already made suggestions to the proper committees for recommended legislative language and we will continue to cooperate with your office on information obtained in this year's election and certification process that can lead to even better outcomes in the future.

If you have questions on this document or the detailed numbers attached, please contact the Director of the Division of Local Mandates, Ben Tafoya, at 857-242-5428.

I look forward to our continuing cooperation on this issue. Early voting is an important addition to our democratic processes and funding the expenses incurred by our municipalities will make it that much stronger.

Sincerely,

Suzanne M. Bump
Auditor of the Commonwealth

cc: Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth
Deborah Goldberg, Treasurer of the Commonwealth
Robert A. DeLeo, Speaker of the House
Karen E. Spilka, Senate President
Bradley H. Jones, Jr., House Minority Leader
Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader
Michael Heffernan, Secretary of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance

Municipality	Total Mandated Cost
ABINGTON	706.00
ACTON	1470.00
ACUSHNET	4843.08
ADAMS	300.00
AGAWAM	1290.10
ALFORD	0.00
AMESBURY	4298.15
AMHERST	5088.22
ANDOVER	10569.10
AQUINNAH	0.00
ARLINGTON	30481.33
ASHBURNHAM	750.00
ASHBY	298.62
ASHFIELD	0.00
ASHLAND	5431.38
ATHOL	3360.00
ATTLEBORO	9638.27
AUBURN	1600.00
AVON	125.65
AYER	1166.00
BARNSTABLE	5947.87
BARRE	3981.00
BECKET	0.00
BEDFORD	3862.50
BELCHERTOWN	701.04
BELLINGHAM	4326.42
BELMONT	9543.96
BERKLEY	740.60
BERLIN	234.01
BERNARDSTON	220.00
BEVERLY	7349.16
BILLERICA	14330.58
BLACKSTONE	1346.57
BLANDFORD	253.00
BOLTON	470.00
BOSTON	41085.50
BOURNE	12111.93
BOXBOROUGH	1033.16
BOXFORD	3136.06
BOYLSTON	476.78
BRAINTREE	6633.00
BREWSTER	2058.00
BRIDGEWATER	8166.15
BRIMFIELD	887.25
BROCKTON	12811.18
BROOKFIELD	0.00

BROOKLINE	20990.50
BUCKLAND	465.00
BURLINGTON	5878.81
CAMBRIDGE	10215.06
CANTON	899.82
CARLISLE	4096.48
CARVER	2671.69
CHARLEMONT	0.00
CHARLTON	1698.50
CHATHAM	924.00
CHELMSFORD	7822.37
CHELSEA	0.00
CHESHIRE	228.00
CHESTER	507.21
CHESTERFIELD	208.08
CHICOPEE	8968.45
CHILMARK	500.00
CLARKSBURG	99.00
CLINTON	4310.00
COHASSET	3210.04
COLRAIN	420.00
CONCORD	4720.30
CONWAY	165.60
CUMMINGTON	0.00
DALTON	0.00
DANVERS	4893.60
DARTMOUTH	4199.75
DEDHAM	3065.50
DEERFIELD	90.00
DENNIS	4160.39
DIGHTON	3326.03
DOUGLAS	0.00
DOVER	919.10
DRACUT	280.00
DUDLEY	591.00
DUNSTABLE	434.50
DUXBURY	8576.40
EAST BRIDGEWATER	2015.40
EAST BROOKFIELD	233.20
EAST LONGMEADOW	3178.45
EASTHAM	1812.50
EASTHAMPTON	1693.63
EASTON	5303.51
EDGARTOWN	1149.68
EGREMONT	66.00
ERVING	880.00
ESSEX	131.16

EVERETT	9350.00
FAIRHAVEN	7007.00
FALL RIVER	14954.80
FALMOUTH	6228.00
FITCHBURG	10586.58
FLORIDA	120.00
FOXBOROUGH	4856.04
FRAMINGHAM	11023.00
FRANKLIN	3870.06
FREETOWN	1929.56
GARDNER	4896.23
GEORGETOWN	2917.00
GILL	258.56
GLOUCESTER	3125.56
GOSHEN	261.52
GOSNOLD	0.00
GRAFTON	5581.05
GRANBY	2340.00
GRANVILLE	0.00
GREAT BARRINGTON	0.00
GREENFIELD	414.00
GROTON	1922.42
GROVELAND	0.00
HADLEY	703.15
HALIFAX	0.00
HAMILTON	2834.22
HAMPDEN	1321.88
HANCOCK	0.00
HANOVER	8432.67
HANSON	1526.02
HARDWICK	792.90
HARVARD	0.00
HARWICH	2315.40
HATFIELD	1370.39
HAVERHILL	11408.51
HAWLEY	0.00
HEATH	0.00
HINGHAM	5929.00
HINSDALE	33.00
HOLBROOK	4044.00
HOLDEN	699.14
HOLLAND	0.00
HOLLISTON	1112.19
HOLYOKE	1000.00
HOPEDALE	1667.85
HOPKINTON	3046.56
HUBBARDSTON	572.00

HUDSON	3251.25
HULL	3376.00
HUNTINGTON	0.00
IPSWICH	6923.40
KINGSTON	1840.00
LAKEVILLE	2599.60
LANCASTER	379.00
LANESBOROUGH	529.75
LAWRENCE	8417.63
LEE	869.00
LEICESTER	2158.65
LENOX	1736.95
LEOMINSTER	14588.75
LEVERETT	129.04
LEXINGTON	9623.65
LEYDEN	66.00
LINCOLN	1446.00
LITTLETON	6602.30
LONGMEADOW	3631.58
LOWELL	7487.82
LUDLOW	1426.16
LUNENBURG	2188.00
LYNN	11999.90
LYNNFIELD	2739.00
MALDEN	3972.42
MANCHESTER-BY-THE-	1697.50
MANSFIELD	5632.04
MARBLEHEAD	312.72
MARION	1283.45
MARLBOROUGH	4425.20
MARSHFIELD	7397.28
MASHPEE	198.05
MATTAPOISETT	983.71
MAYNARD	2057.00
MEDFIELD	0.00
MEDFORD	16881.00
MEDWAY	2557.40
MELROSE	2795.69
MENDON	2376.50
MERRIMAC	6169.80
METHUEN	1577.00
MIDDLEBOROUGH	7772.85
MIDDLEFIELD	0.00
MIDDLETON	5252.37
MILFORD	2266.46
MILLBURY	1985.50
MILLIS	6326.56

MILLVILLE	0.00
MILTON	15293.90
MONROE	0.00
MONSON	156.05
MONTAGUE	407.88
MONTEREY	72.00
MONTGOMERY	0.00
MOUNT WASHINGTON	0.00
NAHANT	1014.11
NANTUCKET	3402.72
NATICK	8214.95
NEEDHAM	6370.69
NEW ASHFORD	90.00
NEW BEDFORD	9620.96
NEW BRAINTREE	0.00
NEW MARLBOROUGH	288.00
NEW SALEM	0.00
NEWBURY	592.68
NEWBURYPORT	3336.07
NEWTON	8673.27
NORFOLK	0.00
NORTH ADAMS	0.00
NORTH ANDOVER	7949.00
NORTH ATTLEBOROUG	4508.90
NORTH BROOKFIELD	165.00
NORTH READING	5506.24
NORTHAMPTON	6960.00
NORTHBOROUGH	6434.00
NORTHBRIDGE	2180.63
NORTHFIELD	0.00
NORTON	2172.27
NORWELL	2751.38
NORWOOD	4496.14
OAK BLUFFS	2484.50
OAKHAM	217.50
ORANGE	808.50
ORLEANS	979.04
OTIS	879.87
OXFORD	3827.33
PALMER	0.00
PAXTON	422.50
PEABODY	3120.00
PELHAM	331.00
PEMBROKE	6066.21
PEPPERELL	1161.00
PERU	343.00
PETERSHAM	0.00

PHILLIPSTON	178.00
PITTSFIELD	980.57
PLAINFIELD	0.00
PLAINVILLE	1958.00
PLYMOUTH	7711.00
PLYMPTON	1154.46
PRINCETON	422.76
PROVINCETOWN	0.00
QUINCY	21601.12
RANDOLPH	5878.00
RAYNHAM	5127.38
READING	4948.47
REHOBOTH	3725.37
REVERE	9856.48
RICHMOND	0.00
ROCHESTER	286.00
ROCKLAND	629.72
ROCKPORT	330.00
ROWE	0.00
ROWLEY	302.40
ROYALSTON	44.00
RUSSELL	88.00
RUTLAND	3059.00
SALEM	6937.76
SALISBURY	1895.00
SANDISFIELD	2795.00
SANDWICH	1718.00
SAUGUS	1644.00
SAVOY	0.00
SCITUATE	6615.50
SEEKONK	1960.00
SHARON	6758.18
SHEFFIELD	239.25
SHELBURNE	506.00
SHERBORN	1594.60
SHIRLEY	2112.00
SHREWSBURY	4928.93
SHUTESBURY	82.50
SOMERSET	2738.80
SOMERVILLE	16608.00
SOUTH HADLEY	2170.30
SOUTHAMPTON	355.40
SOUTHBOROUGH	2839.62
SOUTHBRIDGE	3753.60
SOUTHWICK	1362.63
SPENCER	1936.44
SPRINGFIELD	10402.74

STERLING	1925.00
STOCKBRIDGE	0.00
STONEHAM	4162.50
STOUGHTON	5197.44
STOW	2416.99
STURBRIDGE	258.50
SUDBURY	8621.34
SUNDERLAND	480.00
SUTTON	1000.94
SWAMPSCOTT	6820.30
SWANSEA	5313.56
TAUNTON	4090.28
TEMPLETON	154.00
TEWKSBURY	3548.34
TISBURY	1334.50
TOLLAND	358.00
TOPSFIELD	614.10
TOWNSEND	1818.24
TRURO	0.00
TYNGSBOROUGH	1391.50
TYRINGHAM	0.00
UPTON	1105.00
UXBRIDGE	642.96
WAKEFIELD	0.00
WALES	0.00
WALPOLE	6556.82
WALTHAM	6856.40
WARE	3137.33
WAREHAM	4064.49
WARREN	608.33
WARWICK	0.00
WASHINGTON	0.00
WATERTOWN	3701.75
WAYLAND	7061.00
WEBSTER	770.00
WELLESLEY	3975.00
WELLFLEET	0.00
WENDELL	0.00
WENHAM	451.00
WEST BOYLSTON	3647.03
WEST BRIDGEWATER	1116.07
WEST BROOKFIELD	254.76
WEST NEWBURY	2375.88
WEST SPRINGFIELD	2795.90
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	0.00
WEST TISBURY	0.00
WESTBOROUGH	6377.74

WESTFIELD	4332.77
WESTFORD	2227.85
WESTHAMPTON	0.00
WESTMINSTER	0.00
WESTON	4955.60
WESTPORT	1830.40
WESTWOOD	3948.00
WEYMOUTH	1884.94
WHATELY	0.00
WHITMAN	5727.98
WILBRAHAM	6868.71
WILLIAMSBURG	1413.50
WILLIAMSTOWN	621.50
WILMINGTON	9544.50
WINCHENDON	0.00
WINCHESTER	4919.00
WINDSOR	33.00
WINTHROP	4320.00
WOBURN	12963.02
WORCESTER	28465.00
WORTHINGTON	728.00
WRENTHAM	2739.00
YARMOUTH	2597.67
Total	1144156.22