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The Honorable Pete Ricketts  
Governor of the State of Nebraska  
State Capitol, Second Floor Northeast  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 2018  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-113 Annual Report

Dear Governor Ricketts and Mr. O'Donnell:

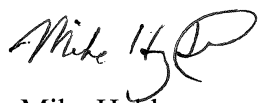
Please accept this letter as the Nebraska Public Service Commission's report on Public Benefit Verification Compliance for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, pursuant to Sec. 6 of LB 403, 2009 Legislature, codified as Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-113.

The Commission administers two programs which require status verifications through E-Verify: the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP), which assists qualifying low-income individuals with obtaining and retaining telephone service by lowering monthly service and connection costs; and the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP), which enables qualified deaf, hard-of-hearing and/or speech impaired citizens to obtain specialized telecommunications equipment at no cost.

The Commission received 5,399 NTAP applications, of which 105 required verification of lawful presence. In addition, the Commission received 709 NSTEP applications, none of which required verification of lawful presence. No applications were denied by either program due to the restrictions outlined in LB 403.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hybl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hybl".

Mike Hybl  
Executive Director