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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: Lawful Presence in the U.S. 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, 2016 through December 31, 2016, 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 4,286 NTAP applications, of which 119 required verification of lawful presence. Likewise, the Commission received 712 NSTEP applications, of which 1 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.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey L. Pursley".

Jeffrey L. Pursley
Executive Director

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