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Subject: Resolution of FY 2014-2016 (SPIL Assurance regarding SILC composition - CORRECTED)

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Dear Mr. Underwood, Mr. Smith and Mr. Daniels:

This is to inform you that the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) has determined that the New York Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation and Commission for the Blind have satisfied the assurance submitted as part of New York's FY 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

The New York SPIL, approved and published by RSA on September 23, 2013, included an assurance that the State will submit documentation demonstrating that the SILC has been brought into compliance with federal requirements that a majority of all its members - voting and ex-officio - and a majority of its voting members are individuals with disabilities not employed by a center for independent living or state agency, in accordance with the Rehabilitation Act and its implementing regulations.

RSA reviewed the attached SILC membership roster submitted on September 25, 2014, and determined that it demonstrates the State's compliance with these requirements and other federal requirements regarding SILC appointment, composition and terms outlined in 34 CFR 364.21(b) - (f). Based on this roster, the aforementioned assurance is hereby resolved. No further action is required in this regard.

We appreciate your cooperation in resolving the SILC assurance and your continuing efforts to support New York citizens with significant disabilities in achieving their independent living and community integration goals.

Felipe Lulli