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TO: Registrars of Voters

RE: Annual Fall Conference, September 19-20, 2023, Hartford Windsor Marriott; Windsor, CT

Thank you for your continued commitment to your duties as elections officials. I look forward to engaging with you at the Annual Fall Conference where you will receive training essential in preparing for the upcoming elections.

As you may know, Section 9-6 of the General Statutes provides a daily compensation at the rate of \$35.00 per day, "plus mileage to and from such conference at the rate determined by the municipality, but not less than twenty cents per mile." The language in full reads:

**Chapter 141, Sec. 9-6.** Conferences of municipal clerks, registrars and Secretary. Each registrar of voters or, in the absence of a registrar, the deputy registrar of voters, and each municipal clerk or, in the absence of a municipal clerk, one of the assistant municipal clerks shall be compensated by the municipality which the clerk represents, as provided for in this section, for attending two conferences a year for town clerks and registrars of voters which may be called by the Secretary of the State for the purpose of discussing the election laws, procedures or matters related thereto. Each such official shall be compensated by the municipality at the rate of thirty-five dollars per day for attending each such conference, plus mileage to and from such conference at a rate per mile determined by the municipality, but not less than twenty cents per mile, computed from the office of such official or, if he has no office, from his home to the place where such conference is being held.

If it is helpful to your municipality, as of January 1, 2023, the standard mileage rates set by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is 65.5 cents per mile driven for business use. For more information, visit: [IRS issues standard mileage rates for 2023; business use increases 3 cents per mile | Internal Revenue Service](#).

The consistently high turnout at these conferences demonstrates how critical training is and how effective it can be to come together as a group of elections officials. I thank ROVAC President Chris Prue, the planning committee, and my team for all of their hard work to prepare for and execute a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Thomas  
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