Counsel:

Thank you for participating in the meet-and-confer yesterday regarding the outstanding issues relating to the Defendants’ responses to Plaintiffs’ discovery requests. Based on that discussion, it is our understanding that Defendants intend to stand on their objections as stated in their responses to Plaintiffs 1st RFPs to the State Board of Elections and to Governor McCrory, and do not intend to produce documents where those stated objections apply. Defendants also stated that they would produce the SADLS and SEIMS databases no later than Friday, January 31, 2014 -- and that they would produce at least the SEIMS database sooner if it is feasible to do so. We look forward to receiving those databases as soon as possible. In light of the delays in producing those databases, we would ask that Defendants send those productions by Federal Express for Monday delivery to the Plaintiffs, and to confirm by email on Friday that those databases have gone out. Finally, we understand from yesterday’s discussions that Defendants are proceeding and have begun to search for and review documents based on the current list of custodians and search terms that have been circulated between the parties, and that Defendants have agreed to accept the last set of search terms proposed by the Plaintiffs.

With respect to the meet-and-confer call that we discussed having on Thursday, January 30, 2014 as to other issues relating to the specifics of the documents that Defendants do plan to produce outside of their stated objections, Plaintiffs would propose that that call take place at 11 AM Eastern. We can use the following dial-in number for that call: 866-331-1856, code 2028795048. We expect to raise at least the following points
for discussion on Thursday: (1) Defendants’ expected timing for productions of responsive emails is based on their current search efforts (both when those productions will start and when they will be complete); (2) Defendants’ expected timing for production of privilege logs; and (3) Defendants’ expected timing for productions of hard copy and other non-email materials.

Sincerely,
Bridget K. O’Connor