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August 25, 2025

Kristen Andrews Foster
Commissioner of the Revenue

Walter Holmes
Sheriff

Betty Davis
Treasurer

Locality: County of Essex

We have reviewed the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Commissioner of the Revenue, Sheriff, and Treasurer of the locality indicated for the year ended June 30, 2025. Our primary objectives were to determine that the officials have maintained accountability over Commonwealth collections, established internal controls, and complied with state laws and regulations. It is our responsibility to perform procedures to the extent necessary to satisfy the objectives of this engagement. Our procedures included the review and evaluation of the officials' responses to an internal control questionnaire and testing the receipt, disbursement, recording, and reconciliation of Commonwealth revenues to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. We limited our work to the collection of Commonwealth revenues. Local governments hire certified public accountants to audit all other financial activities of the locality, and these firms issue separate reports on the results of their audits.

We did not note any matters requiring the constitutional officers' attention as a result of the procedures we performed for the locality indicated for the year ended June 30, 2025.

The Sheriff has taken corrective action to remediate the findings that we communicated in our previous report.

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We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this engagement.

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cc: Rob Akers, Board Chair
April Rounds, County Administrator