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March 8, 2023

Hon. Thomas P. DiNapoli New York State Comptroller 110 State Street Albany, NY 12236

Re: Audit Report 2020-S-53

Dear Mr. DiNapoli:

As required by Executive Law § 170, the Department of State (DOS) respectfully submits this 180-day response to recommendations made in the audit report 2020-S-53, entitled "Selected State Agencies' Roles in Financial Literacy."

Recommendation 1: "Work with DFS to ensure that access to information about DOS' financial literacy-related content and efforts is available on DFS' website."

Department of State Response: The Department worked with DFS to provide information about its consumer protection programs and, as of August 16, 2022, DFS has made access to Division of Consumer Protection information available on the DFS website (see https://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumers). In addition, in accordance with enacted legislation, which requires agencies to send any updates, revisions and new information to DFS by November 1 each year, the Department has notified DFS that the most current content continues to be available thru this website.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Rodriguez Secretary of State

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor

Honorable Antonio Delgado, Lieutenant Governor

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, President Pro Tempore, New York State Senate

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