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VIA HAND DELIVERY

His Excellency Deval L. Patrick Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House, Room 360 Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable William F. Galvin Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House, Room 337 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick and State Secretary Galvin:

We represent Senator-elect Scott Brown. We understand that the election returns from Massachusetts cities and towns were transmitted this morning to the State Secretary's Office and by the State Secretary to the Governor's Office. While Senator-elect Brown had tentatively planned to be sworn into office on February 11, he has been advised that there are a number of votes scheduled prior to that date. For that reason, he wants certification to occur immediately. As he is the duly elected United States Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, he is entitled to be seated now.

Accordingly, on behalf of Senator-elect Brown, we request that the results of the special election of January 19, 2010 be certified without delay and that a duplicate original copy be provided to me in hand no later than 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2010 so we may

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deliver the original by hand to the Secretary of the United States Senate in time to allow Senatorelect Brown to be administered the oath of office by the Vice President tomorrow afternoon.

Respectfully

Daniel B. Winslow

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cc: William M. Cowan, Esquire, Governor's Chief Legal Counsel (via email)

Michelle Tassinari, Esquire, General Counsel, State Secretary/Elections Division (via

email)