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Dear Mr. Buyce:

I have received the final report 2011-S-37, *New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets: Electronic Ticket Sales at the 2011 New York State Fair*. As required, below are the steps taken to implement the two recommendations made within the report:

Recommendation 1 - When contracting for amusement services such as the Midway rides at the Fair, require vendors use an electronic ticketing system.

Newly implemented for the 2012 Fair, the Department will be utilizing an electronic ticketing system for events being held at the Grandstand venue. When developing future amusement services contracts, the Department will consider requiring vendors to use electronic ticketing systems.

Recommendation 2 - Consider opportunities to implement similar electronic ticketing systems to reduce the risk of fraud and abuse associated with other events and activities held at the fairgrounds.

Due to the success of the midway electronic ticketing system, the Department will consider every opportunity to implement electronic ticketing at the fairgrounds.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrel J. Aubertine", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darrel J. Aubertine
Commissioner