PAVA Inclusion Talking Points

\*\* Chairwoman Klobuchar and Ranking Member Blunt for the Senate rules committee have agreed to introduce the PAVA Inclusion Act alongside Senator Lujan.

\*This legislation serves as a technical fix. In 2002, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). One component of HAVA authorizes funds for the Protection and Advocacy for Voter Access (PAVA) program; PAVA funds are allocated to 55 out of the 57 P and A’s across the country. An interpretation of HAVA’s language excludes the Northern Marianas Islands and the American Indian Consortium from receiving funds.

\* To clarify, there is no cost associated with the bill; the intent behind the PAVA Inclusion Act is to ensure the American Indian Consortium and the Northern Marianas Islands are included in the distribution of funds.

\* All 57 P and As have signed a letter calling for the technical change in the language.

\* Our hope is that your office will consider being an originating co-sponsor (not the lead) on this legislation, given the above factors.