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January 8, 2020

State of Delaware Department of Finance Carvel State Building 820 North French Street - 8th Floor Wilmington, DE 19801 Attention: Ms. Stephanie M. Scola, Director of Bond Finance

Re: US\$300,000,000 The State of Delaware, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A, dated: Date of delivery, due: January 01, 2040

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