



## Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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Nadine Morrell  
Audit Director  
Office of the State Comptroller  
110 State Street  
Albany, NY 12236

Re: National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) Data  
Security (2023-S-43)

Dear Nadine Morrell:

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) respectfully submits this 180-day response to the Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) final report regarding the audit of NDNH Data Security (2023-S-43). The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on OTDA's implementation of the recommendation made by OSC. Pursuant to Section 170 of the Executive Law, copies of this response will be sent separately to the Governor, the State Comptroller, and the leaders of the Legislature, as well as fiscal committees.

In response to the specific recommendations in OSC's report, OTDA responds as outlined below:

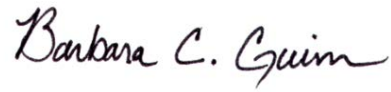
### **OSC's Recommendation**

1. Continue to maintain a system of controls that ensures compliance with federal requirements for securing Directory data.

**OTDA Response:** OTDA considers the protection of data shared with us by our federal partner agencies a top priority and is pleased that OSC has acknowledged our commitment to providing strong controls over NDNH data. To that end, OTDA continues to implement, assess, and refine controls over the data received from all of our partner agencies.

If you have questions or comments concerning our response in this letter, please contact Thomas Cooper at (518) 473-4601 or [Thomas.Cooper@otda.ny.gov](mailto:Thomas.Cooper@otda.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara C. Guinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Barbara C. Guinn  
Commissioner

cc: Rajni Chawla