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**Concerning S.B. 255 An Act Concerning Revisions to Statutes Concerning the
Comptroller**

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Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, Senator McLachlan, Representative Hwang and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for raising *S.B. 255, AAC Revisions to Statutes Concerning the Comptroller*, and providing me an opportunity to discuss the need for this technical bill.

Section one of the legislation streamlines and updates the requirements for the report my office provides to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Core-CT system. The bill also identifies a date for submission of the report and changes it from an annual to a biennial one.

Section two of the bill increases the dollar threshold for inventoried state owned property that state agencies must report to my office from \$1,000 to \$5,000. This statute has not been updated for inflation in 14 years, so the change will create increased government efficiency and relieve an administrative burden on some state agencies. Lower limits have been found to provide little informational benefit, but at a high-cost tracking price. Further, this change is consistent with federal guidelines and is the most common state standard.

Section three reflects that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has the authority to make payments for the Office of the Claims Commissioner. DAS approves of this legislative change.

Section four makes a change similar to section three. The State Insurance and Risk Management Board, once administratively under the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) is now under DAS. Section four reflects this change and will make the process of depositing the Board's checks more efficient.

Section five allows a designee to attend the Retirement Commission meetings on my behalf in the event that I am unable to attend. This section also clarifies my membership on the Retirement Commission.

Section six changes the responsibility of purchasing fire and casualty insurance for the Connecticut building at the Eastern States Exposition (the Big E) in West Springfield, MA from my office to the State Insurance and Risk Management Board. Again, the Board is no longer administratively under my office, so this legislation will reflect the earlier change in statute.

Section seven eliminates the Core-CT policy board, which was established for the initial implementation of the Core-CT system. With Core-CT well established, DAS and OSC now share executive sponsorship, guiding needed policy changes and overseeing communications to the Executive, Judicial and Legislative branches.

I hope you will support this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.