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Concerning
SB 1008 AA Authorizing Bonds of the State for
Capital Improvements and Other Purposes
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Senator Daily, Representative Widlitz, Senator Roraback, Representative Williams and members of the Committee:

I ask for your support of SB 1008, specifically sections 2(b) and 21(b), which provide \$18 million in bond funds to the Office of State Comptroller for required routine upgrades to the Core-CT system.

Core-CT serves as the central hub for a significant portion of the state's data and utilizes Oracle's PeopleSoft enterprise applications to run financial, human resources and payroll functions for most state agencies. The state has a maintenance agreement with Oracle to provide technical support, software fixes and regulatory updates for seven years from the products' release date. The support for Core-CT's human resources and payroll application will end in December 2012 and the financial application's support will end in August 2013.

In order to maintain vendor support, Core-CT must upgrade to the newest version of Oracle's PeopleSoft enterprise applications. This effort will provide an opportunity for the state to achieve several goals: continue to receive software fixes and regulatory updates, enhance Core-CT's technical infrastructure to take advantage of technology improvements, and review and redesign Core-CT business processes to utilize new features of the software resulting in greater efficiencies and cost savings.

During the course of the upgrade, we will be migrating several Limited Scope Agencies to full scope in Core-CT and consolidating several agencies as called for in the Governor's proposed budget. We will also be implementing and providing additional options for implementing the system enhancements described in SB 1059 "An Act Implementing The Recommendations Of The Commission On Enhancing Agency Outcomes". Please note that additional resources will be needed to accomplish these initiatives. We are in the process of developing both a project plan and a business plan to outline our needs.

Core-CT is an integral part of creating cost savings opportunities and making our state government more efficient. Thank you for your consideration and support of this legislation.