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Mr. Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Barnes:

I am in receipt of your request to submit to OPM budget reduction options for the Office of the State Comptroller totaling 5% of our Current Services request for FY 2014.

My office is a central service agency. The "programs," are comprised of each of the constitutional functions, and as otherwise defined by law. Reductions of this magnitude would impede my ability to carry out such essential functions as paying and maintaining benefits for state employees, processing payments for the state's financial obligations and operating Connecticut's financial and human resources information systems. As you are aware, I have established several efficiency measures over the last two years resulting in savings to the state, while at the same time taking on large projects such as the administration of the State Employee Health Enhancement Program and the first major upgrade to the Core-CT system.

The current services budget request submitted provides minimum financing with which this agency can carry out its current business. A 5% reduction proposal at this juncture would clearly jeopardize the functions of the Comptroller's Office. As such, I am unable to responsibly propose such measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin Lembo", is written over a faint, illegible background.

Kevin Lembo

State Comptroller