

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

April 20, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Wyman State Comptroller 55 Elm Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Comptroller Wyman:

The following information on the State's General Fund for fiscal year 2008-2009 is provided in accordance with Section 4-66 of the General Statutes. In addition, an analysis of the Special Transportation Fund is included due to the significant nature of this fund. Estimates are as of March 31, 2009. This letter reflects the passage of Public Acts 08-01 and 08-02 from the August Special Session, P.A. 08-01 from the November Special Session and P.A. 09-1 and P.A. 09-2 of the 2009 Regular Session.

More than twenty-two months have passed since Governor Rell signed the biennial budget into law (Public Act 07-1). As you know, the 2008 legislative session ended without passage of a revised midterm budget. Due to worsening economic conditions, Governor Rell ordered a number of measures to curtail state spending. These include a ban on out-of-state travel, implementation of a hiring freeze and the implementation of a fourth round of allotment rescissions in accordance with her authority under CGS 4-85. Those components of the last Governor's Deficit Mitigation Plan that were acted upon in P.A. 09-2 are now reflected in this letter. In addition, the impact of the passage of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 is also factored in to the estimates.

In the General Fund, we are now estimating a deficit of \$1,056.3 million. This month's letter reflects all of the actions taken by the Governor and the General Assembly to date. Revenue this month is being revised downward by \$397.0 million. The largest revision is in the income tax, down \$375 million due to disappointing tax collections thus far in the month of April. Currently those collections for estimated and final payments that were due April 15th are running approximately 40% below last year. The \$375 million downward revision assumes that this trend will continue for the rest of the month and that the June 15th estimated payments for income year 2009 will also be below last year's level by 40%. Importantly, it should be noted that the tax department still has several significant collection days ahead this week and should collections deviate from the current trend in either direction, OPM may issue a revised letter later this month. All other revenue changes net to a negative \$22 million.

In the General Fund, we are estimating that due to the Governor's four rescission programs, actions taken by the General Assembly and other surpluses available in select accounts, lapses are approximately \$326.4 million higher than budgeted. All told, the statewide lapses are estimated to reach \$443.9 million. These are itemized in Statement 4 of the attached report. Deficiencies totaling \$79.3 million are anticipated, including a \$3.6 million deficiency in the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, a deficiency of \$16.2 million in the Department of Correction and a projected deficiency of \$1.5 million in the DAS-Workers' Compensation Account, related primarily to the roll-out of last year's deficiencies in those agencies. We are also projecting a net deficiency in the Department of Social Services of \$58.0 million. Reflecting a shortfall of in the Medicaid account largely due to additional costs beyond those appropriated from the expansion in eligibility for HUSKY adults.

Contingent upon actions yet to be taken by the General Assembly, this projected deficit could be reduced by \$220 million contemplated in the PA 09-2. Additionally, contingent upon the outcome of discussions currently underway between the administration and SEBAC, labor cost savings of approximately \$77.3 million are possible. If both of these items are successfully implemented, the remaining deficit would be approximately \$759.0 million. Governor Rell has submitted her suggestions for further deficit mitigation to the General Assembly.

Transportation Fund revenues have been revised downward by \$5.0 million this month as both the motor fuels tax and sales tax remitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles failed to reach their targets.

It should be noted that \$151.3 million of retroactive claims of federal revenue has been delayed pending review by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services. Therefore timing of receipt may be subject to delay.

It should be noted that while these projections are the best that can be made at this time, estimates may have to be adjusted to reflect changes in the economy, expenditure patterns and/or other factors. It is important to note that we will continue to refine our analysis of the economic impact attributable to the President Obama's economic stimulus package in the month's ahead. As more definitive information becomes available, it will be incorporated into future projections.

Sincerely

Robert L. Genuario

Secretary

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State of Connecticut Summary of Changes General Fund and Special Transportation Fund Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009 (In Millions)

General Fund

Balance - March 20, 2009		\$	(667.4)
Revenues			
Personal Income Tax	(375.0)		
Corporation	(10.0)		
Inheritance & Estate	(5.0)		
Cigarettes	(8.0)		
Sales of Commodities	1.0		(397.0)
Expenditures			
Additional Requirements	(2.3)		
Estimated Lapses	13.0		
Miscellaneous Adjustments/Rounding	(2.6)		8.1
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Balance - April 20, 2009		\$	(1,056.3)
Special Transportation Fund			
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Carry Forward FY 2008-09 Surplus		\$	178.3
Balance - March 20, 2009		Ψ	(83.0)
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Revenues			
Motor Fuels Tax	(3.0)		
Sales Tax - DMV	(2.0)		(5.0)
Expenditures			, ,
Additional Requirements	0.7		
Estimated Lapses - No Change	0.0		0.7
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Balance - April 20, 2009		\$	91.0

State of Connecticut General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Results of Operations Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009 (In Millions)

	General	Revised	
	Assembly	Estimates	Over/
	Budget Plan 1.	OPM ^{2., 3.,4.,5.}	(Under)
REVENUE			
Taxes	\$13,851.7	\$11,845.4	(\$2,006.3)
Less: Refunds	(880.6)	(1,051.9)	(171.3)
Taxes - Net	12,971.1	10,793.5	(2,177.6)
Other Revenue	1,208.4	1,094.5	(113.9)
Other Sources	2,898.0	3,944.8	1,046.8
TOTAL Revenue	\$17,077.5	\$15,832.8	(\$1,244.7)
EXPENDITURES			
Appropriations	\$17,200.5	\$17,222.3	\$21.8
Net Additional Requirements	0.0	79.3	79.3
Less: Estimated Lapses	(117.5)	(443.9)	(326.4)
TOTAL Expenditures	\$17,083.0	\$16,857.8	(\$225.2)
Balance from Operations	(\$5.5)	(\$1,025.0)	(\$1,019.5)
Miscellaneous Adjustments	0.0	(31.3)	(31.3)
Estimated Balance 6/30/09	<u>(\$5.5)</u>	<u>(\$1,056.3)</u>	<u>(\$1,050.8)</u>

^{1.} PA 07-1, June Special Session, PA 07-1, September Special Session, PA 08-02, June 11 Special Session and PA 08-51.

^{2.} PA 08-01 and PA 08-02, August Special Session.

^{3.} PA 08-01, November Special Session.

^{4.} P.A. 09-1

^{5.} P.A. 09-2

State of Connecticut General Fund Revenue Estimates Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009 (In Millions)

TAXES	
Personal Income	\$6,465.0
Sales and Use	3,360.7
Corporation	597.6
Public Service Corporations	254.3
Inheritance and Estate	250.1
Insurance Companies	192.2
Cigarettes	317.0
Real Estate Conveyance	95.0
Oil Companies	91.0
Alcoholic Beverages	47.5
Admissions and Dues	34.0
Miscellaneous	141.0
TOTAL - TAXES	\$11,845.4
Less: Refunds of Taxes	(1,040.0)
R & D Credit Exchange	(11.9)
TOTAL - TAXES - NET	\$10,793.5
OTHER REVENUE	
Transfers - Special Revenue	\$289.0
Indian Gaming Payments	375.0
Licenses, Permits, Fees	156.7
Sales of Commodities and Services	32.5
Rents, Fines, Escheats	69.4
Investment Income	20.0
Miscellaneous	152.5
Refunds of Payments	(0.6)
TOTAL - OTHER REVENUE	\$1,094.5
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OTHER SOURCES	
Federal Grants	\$3,613.4
Transfers to the Resources of the General Fund	301.9
Transfer from Tobacco Settlement Fund	115.8
Transfers to Other Funds	(86.3)
TOTAL - OTHER SOURCES	\$3,944.8
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$15,832.8

State of Connecticut - General Fund Appropriation Adjustments - Net Additional Requirements Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009

DAS-Workers' Compensation Claims	\$1,500,000
Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services	3,600,000
Department of Social Services	58,000,000
Department of Correction	<u>16,220,000</u>
Total	<u>\$79,320,000</u>

State of Connecticut General Fund Estimated Lapses Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009

General Personal Services Reduction	\$10,900,000
General Other Expenses Reductions	9,200,000
Allotment Rescissions - July	115,800,000
Allotment Rescissions - September	34,400,000
Allotment Rescissions - December	7,200,000
Allotment Rescissions - March	20,800,000
OPM - Personal Services	200,000
OPM - Elderly Renters	170,000
OPM - Regional Performance Incentive Grant	100,000
Division of Special Revenue - Personal Services	300,000
Insurance & Risk Management - Other Expenses	975,000
Department of Development Services	900,000
Department of Public Safety - Personal Services	1,000,000
Judicial - Alternative Incarceration Program	500,000
Department of Children & Families	26,200,000
Unallocated Lapses	25,050,000
Consultant Contracts and Personal Services Agreements	52,000,000
Deferred Purchases	8,000,000
Contingency Needs	2,000,000
Reserve for Salary Adjustment	3,100,000
Debt Service	50,750,000
DHE - CT Independent College Student Grant	500,000
Lapse of FY 07 Surplus Appropriation as per P.A. 08-01, NSS	14,500,000
Lapse of FY 07 Surplus Appropriation per P.A. 09-1	3,050,000
Lapse of FY 07 Surplus Appropriation per P.A. 09-2	3,500,000
Increase Legislative Lapse per P.A. 09-2	1,070,000
OSC-Retired State Employees Health Insurance	3,800,000
OSC-Higher Ed Alternative Retirement	2,200,000
OPM - PILOT Manufacturing & Equipment	45,700,000
Total	\$443,865,000

State of Connecticut 2008-09 General Fund Summary of Operations Per Letter to the Comptroller (In Millions)

	Budget Plan ^{1.}	July 2008	August ^{2.} 2008	September 2008	October 2008	November ^{3.} 2008	December ^{4.} 2008	January 2009	February ^{5.} 2009	March 2009	April 2009	May 2009	June 2009
REVENUE	\$17,077.5	\$16,858.4	\$16,785.6	\$16,949.1	\$16,709.6	\$16,824.9	\$16,098.0	\$16,065.0	\$16,229.8	\$15,832.8			
Appropriations	17,200.5	17,200.5	17,222.3	17,279.5	17,279.5	17,270.4	17,231.2	17,231.2	17,222.3	17,222.3			
Additional Requirements	0.0	18.3	19.8	19.8	29.8	29.8	85.8	77.4	77.0	79.3			
Less: Estimated Lapses	(117.5)	(217.5)	(217.5)	(251.9)	(257.5)	(300.8)	(320.2)	(324.4)	(430.8)	(443.9)			
TOTAL - Estimated Expenditures	17,083.0	17,001.3	17,024.6	17,047.4	17,051.8	16,999.4	16,996.9	16,984.2	16,868.5	16,857.8			
Balance from Operations	(5.5)	(142.9)	(239.0)	(98.3)	(342.2)	(174.5)	(898.8)	(919.2)	(638.7)	(1,025.0)			
Compt.'s Misc. Adjustments/Rounding	0.0	(2.8)	(6.2)	(9.6)	(14.1)	(18.5)	(22.9)	(25.0)	(28.7)	(31.3)			
Estimated Balance 6/30/09	(\$5.5)	(\$145.7)	(\$245.2)	(\$107.9)	(\$356.3)	(\$193.0)	(\$921.7)	(\$944.2)	(\$667.4)	(\$1,056.3)			

^{1.} PA 07-1, June Special Session, PA 07-1, September Special Session, PA 08-2, June 11 Special Session and PA 08-51.

^{2.} PA 08-01 and PA 08-02, August Special Session.

^{3.} PA 08-01, November Special Session.

^{4.} P.A. 09-1

^{5.} P.A. 09-2

State of Connecticut Special Transportation Fund Analysis of Budget Plan Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009 (In Millions)

	General Assembly Budget Plan ^{1.}	Revised Estimates OPM ^{3.}	Over/ (Under)
Surplus Carried Forward from 2007-08 ^{2.}	\$215.5	\$178.3	(\$37.2)
REVENUE			
Taxes	\$739.5	\$694.1	(\$45.4)
Less: Refunds of Taxes	(9.0)	(7.4)	1.6
Taxes - Net	730.5	686.7	(43.8)
Other Revenue	426.5	367.0	(59.5)
TOTAL - Revenue	\$1,157.0	\$1,053.7	(\$103.3)
EXPENDITURES			
Appropriations	\$1,165.2	\$1,165.2	\$0.0
Additional Appropriations	0.0	4.1	4.1
Less: Estimated Lapses	(11.0)	(28.3)	(17.3)
TOTAL - Expenditures	\$1,154.2	\$1,141.0	(\$13.2)
Balance from Operations	\$2.8	(\$87.3)	(\$90.1)
Miscellaneous Adjustments	0.0	0.0	0.0
Estimated Balance 6/30/09	\$ <u>218.3</u>	\$ <u>91.0</u>	(<u>\$127.3</u>)

^{1.} P.A. 07-1, June Special Session

^{2.} The Budget Plan assumed \$215.5 million would be carried forward from FY 2008. The Comptroller's 9/2/08 final unaudited was \$178.3 million.

^{3.} P.A. 09-1

State of Connecticut Special Transportation Fund Revenue Estimates Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009 (In Millions)

TAXES	
Motor Fuels	\$496.7
Oil Companies	141.9
Sales Tax DMV	55.5
TOTAL - TAXES	694.1
Less: Refunds of Taxes	(7.4)
TOTAL - TAXES - NET	\$686.7
OTHER REVENUE Motor Vehicle Receipts Licenses, Permits, Fees Interest Income Transfers to Other Funds Refunds of Payments TOTAL - OTHER REVENUE	\$223.3 150.0 20.0 (23.3) (3.0) \$367.0
TOTAL - SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE	\$1.053.7

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State of Connecticut Special Transportation Fund Appropriation Adjustments - Additional Appropriations Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009

Department of Transportation
Total

\$4,065,000 \$4,065,000

State of Connecticut Special Transportation Fund Estimated Lapse Projected to June 30, 2009 As of March 31, 2009

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Debt Service	\$14,121,000
Fringe Benefits	2,932,000
Department of Transportation	2,777,000
Department of Motor Vehicles	2,634,000
Insurance & Risk Management	126,000
DAS-Workers' Compensation	267,000
Remaining Lapse:	
Department of Motor Vehicles	1,100,000
Fringe Benefits	4,337,000
Total	\$28,294,000

State of Connecticut 2008-09 Special Transportation Fund Summary of Operations Per Letter to the Comptroller (In Millions)

	Budget Plan ^{1.}	July 2008	August 2008	September 2008	October 2008	November 2008	December ^{3.} 2008	January 2009	February 2009	March 2009	April 2009	May 2009	June 2009
Beginning Balance ²	\$215.5	\$176.2	\$178.3	\$178.3	\$178.3	\$178.3	\$178.3	\$178.3	\$178.3	\$178.3			
Revenue	1,157.0	1,103.7	1,103.7	1,103.7	1,084.0	1,077.0	1,078.5	1,078.5	1,058.7	1,053.7			
Total Available	1,372.5	1,279.9	1,282.0	1,282.0	1,262.3	1,255.3	1,256.8	1,256.8	1,237.0	1,232.0			
Appropriations	1,165.2	1,165.2	1,165.2	1,165.2	1,165.2	1,165.2	1,165.2	1,165.2	1,165.2	1,165.2			
Additional Appropriations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	4.1			
Less: Estimated Lapses	(11.0)	(18.8)	(18.8)	(19.6)	(19.6)	(21.0)	(21.0)	(21.0)	(28.3)	(28.3)			
TOTAL - Estimated Expenditures	1,154.2	1,146.4	1,146.4	1,145.6	1,145.6	1,144.2	1,144.2	1,144.2	1,141.7	1,141.0			
Balance from Operations	2.8	(42.7)	(42.7)	(41.9)	(61.6)	(67.2)	(65.7)	(65.7)	(83.0)	(87.3)			
Compt's Misc. Adjustments/Rounding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Estimated Balance 6/30/09	\$218.3	\$133.5	\$135.6	\$136.4	\$116.7	\$111.1	\$112.6	\$112.6	\$95.3	\$91.0			

^{1.} PA 07-1, June Special Session

^{2.} The Budget Plan assumed \$215.5 million would be carried forward from FY 2008.

OPM's 8/20/08 estimate is \$176.2 million. The Comptroller's 9/2/08 final unaudited was \$178.3 million.

^{3.} P.A. 09-1