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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

October 25, 2024

Sean Scanlon
Comptroller
Office of the State Comptroller
State of Connecticut
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Re: Special Examination Request

Dear Comptroller Scanlon,

Pursuant to your authority under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 3-112(b), I am writing to formally request that your office prepare a special report on the financial practices of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) system.

Recent reports of controversial spending decisions have raised serious concerns about the transparency and accountability of CSCU's financial management. As CSCU has recently implemented measures such as tuition increases and program reductions to address significant budget shortfalls, it is imperative that the public have complete transparency into how public funds are being utilized.

A review by your office would help to ensure that public funds are being utilized appropriately and in alignment with state guidelines and principals of fiscal responsibility. Specifically, I request that your office provide a comprehensive report on the following aspects of CSCU's finances, including but not limited to:

1. An itemized report of purchases made using procurement cards (P-Cards), identifying vendors and purposes.
2. A review of all expenditures for meals and entertainment including costs for dining with stakeholders/vendors, conferences and related events.
3. Information on the use of state-owned vehicles by CSCU personnel, including logs of usage, fuel costs and mileage reimbursement.
4. Any information regarding tax reporting involving CSCU leadership.
5. Audit the financial practices of the entire CSCU system, including discretionary spending, travel and procurement activities.
6. Assess whether public funds have been managed in accordance with state financial policies and in alignment with the educational mission of the CSCU system.



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It is critical that the public have confidence in the financial stewardship of the CSCU. Students, faculty and the citizens of Connecticut deserve to know that public resources are being used appropriately. An independent review by your office would provide much needed clarity and help ensure that future financial decisions prioritize students and the broader public interest.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to receiving the findings and recommendations from the audit. If you require any further information or assistance to facilitate the review process, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Thank you for your continued dedication to upholding accountability and transparency in our state government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Lamont".

Ned Lamont
Governor