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November 20, 2014

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State Elections Enforcement Commission
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Dear Ms. Murphy, Ms. Carson, and Mr. Brandi:

As you know, both the Office of Policy and Management and the Office of Fiscal Analysis have projected General Fund deficits for fiscal year 2015, absent management action to address any shortfalls. These projections are a result of revised revenues from the November consensus forecast as well as expenditure trends in a number of agencies. While it is my sincere hope that revenue collections will be stronger than forecast, it is my intention that the state end the fiscal year with its budget in balance and thus I am taking action to ensure that result.

Accordingly, I am rescinding allotment requisitions or allotments in force for the Legislative, Judicial and Executive branches effective December 1, 2014. With this in mind, I ask that you voluntarily reduce spending in your agencies by at least one percent this fiscal year, which is in line with the rescissions that are being imposed on other agencies.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>1% Reduction</u>
12481 - Citizens' Election Fund Administration Account	1,948,699	19,487
12522 - Elections Enforcement Commission	1,491,161	14,912
12523 - Office of State Ethics	1,505,762	15,058
12524 - Freedom of Information Commission	1,657,036	16,570

Please respond in writing to Secretary Barnes of the Office of Policy and Management not later than November 28, 2014. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

cc:

The Honorable Donald E. Williams, Jr., President Pro Tempore, State Senate
The Honorable Brendan Sharkey, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Martin Looney, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Joseph Aresimowicz, House of Representatives Majority Leader
The Honorable John McKinney, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Lawrence F. Cafero, House of Representatives Minority Leader
The Honorable Beth Bye, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Toni Walker, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee
Shelby J. Brown, OGA Executive Administrator
Ben Barnes, Office of Policy and Management
Alan Calandro, Office of Fiscal Analysis