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Testimony Supporting

HB 6374

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Senator Slossberg, Representative Spallone and distinguished members of the GAE committee, I appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony on support of House Bill 6374 , An Act Concerning the Establishment of the Office of Accountability.

The Office of Accountability will be a new office within the Office of Policy and Management that will be responsible for detecting and preventing fraud, waste and abuse in the management of state personnel, the use and disposition of state property, the collection, disbursement and expenditure of state and federal funds and promoting efficiency in state government.

The new office will be overseen by the Chief Accountability Officer who will have the authority to audit state agencies.

In these difficult economic times, where all of us are required to do more with less, the new Office of Accountability will help state government fulfill its core missions in a manner that will meet the needs of state residents and restore the confidence of Connecticut taxpayers.