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TO: Senator Slossberg, Co-Chair Government Administration & Elections
Rep. Spallone, Co-Chair Government Administration & Elections

FROM: Rep. Claire Janowski, Co- Chair, Executive & Legislative Nominations

DATE: March 1, 2010

RE: GAE - TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF:
SB 291 An Act Concerning the Appointment of Department Heads

I am writing this letter in support of bill SB 291, An Act Concerning the Appointment of Department heads.

First, I'd like to thank the committee for raising the bill as a committee bill. As chairs of the Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee, Senator Looney and I have discussed and submitted this modification to the existing statutes which will basically allow both chambers, the House and the Senate, to hear and approve Department Head appointments.

Currently, such appointments can be selected by the appointing authority to go for final approval either before the House or the Senate but generally not to both.

Given the paid, full-time nature of the position and its associated responsibilities, approval by both chambers would seem to be in order and I urge support of the bill.