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Good Morning Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, Senator Meyer, Representative Lesser and Government Administration and Elections Committee Membership:

I would like to thank the Government Administration and Elections Committee for raising Senate Bill 1059, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes.

A few of the recommendations contained within the report have the potential to provide significant savings to the State of Connecticut while still providing the same level or better service to the clientele that are served. I would reference the de-institutionalizing of both the Southbury Training School and the Riverview Hospital as examples of this opportunity.

There are also a number of contracting and purchasing proposals that deserve consideration. These proposals have merit by providing a higher level of competitiveness to the contracting and purchasing process.

There are also opportunities to lower the cost of prescription drug purchases. Some of these proposals include fully implementing a drug recycling program, increasing generic prescriptions and lowering the current State of Connecticut pricing to at least the national average.

I also suggest reviewing the proposal to adopt an aggressive long-term care rebalancing that will allow the state to participate in the "State balancing and Incentive Payment Program".

I thank the Committee for considering proposed Senate Bill 1059 and I ask that it be given a favorable report.