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Testimony Submitted to the Appropriations Committee Regarding House Bill 5014,
"An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures and Revenues for the Fiscal
Year Ending June 30, 2103"

Good Morning Senator Harp and Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee, my name is David Guay and I am here to offer testimony on House Bill 5014, "An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures and Revenues for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013."

I have been the acting Executive Administrator of the Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA) for almost five months.

I am honored to be a public servant. From the four years I spent with the Air Force to the 28 years I enjoyed with the Secretary of the State and the State Board of Accountancy, I have been guided by President John F. Kennedy's exhortation to "*Let the public service be a proud and lively career.*"

I am proud to update you on the latest chapter in my career, a career made even more lively with this recent appointment.

As this committee knows, OGA is a hybrid agency with unique components. Some have suggested that the OGA organization is similar to Legislative Management or the Small Agencies Resource Team (SMART Unit) in the Department of Administrative Services.

While both Legislative Management and SMART provide support services, their organizational structures are substantively different than OGA. For instance, Legislative Management provides administrative support for a number of partisan and non-partisan legislative offices. SMART provides similar support to a variety of small state agencies but it is not part of the leadership of those agencies.

OGA is one agency with ten independent divisions, each of which has its own leadership. This confederation is unique to our state government.

In January, I updated you on the successes associated with this still new consolidation. As I said in that report, each of the OGA divisions continues to professionally conduct their business for the State of Connecticut.

To move the OGA consolidation forward, in addition to creating the Office of the Executive Administrator, I am in the process of maintaining and upgrading (if possible) agency administrative functions of fiscal, human resources, affirmative action and information technology while affirmatively addressing outstanding issues and concerns.

As I mentioned in my report to you, this consolidation is not without its challenges, but since this consolidation is very much a work in progress, I prefer to view these as surmountable, given both time and effort.

To be respectful of the independent budget authority of the divisions within the agency, I will direct my comments about the Governor's proposed midterm budget only as it relates to the Office of the Executive Administrator. I have every intention to live within Governor Malloy's proposed FY 2013 proposed midterm budget.

In conclusion, I continue to be enthused by the challenge before me and look forward to reporting back to you about future OGA successes.