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As Commissioner of the State Department on Aging, I am providing testimony in support of SB 16: AN ACT INCREASING AGENCY EFFICIENCY IN THE REGULATION PROCESS.

Although I am the Commissioner of a relatively small agency with limited staff, we still are involved with a proportionately large number of federal and state statutes which previously required the drafting and maintenance of regulations. This Bill will significantly add to the efficiency of the department in creating change, when necessary. It also simplifies the timeline for revision and deletion of regulations following statutory changes and expiration. The Bill further provides for individual department determination of whether or not to adopt otherwise required regulations when the statute itself is sufficient to enforce the provisions. Finally, the addition of a streamlined process for basic technical changes to existing regulations will vastly improve processing time for staff. I therefore wholeheartedly support this bill.

