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January 30, 2015

Benjamin Barnes
Secretary
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Barnes:

This letter is written in response to the Governor's letter dated January 22, 2015 asking that the Freedom of Information Commission ("FOIC") voluntarily achieve an additional savings of \$16,570 (or 1%) of its \$1,657,036 line item appropriation for fiscal year 2015.

You will recall that the FOIC agreed last November to a first round of voluntary reductions in the amount of \$16,570 (or 1%) for fiscal year 2015 as well. These reductions pose significant challenges for the FOIC, as it is a very small entity with only one program – to administer and enforce Connecticut's FOI Act - and therefore has very little programmatic flexibility. However, the FOIC remains deeply committed to helping ease the state's current fiscal crisis and to be a partner in solving it. It is in this spirit of commitment that, barring any unforeseen fiscal exigencies, the FOIC will attain efficiencies wherever possible and again voluntarily agree to achieve the sought after savings requested by the Governor.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Murphy', written over a large, stylized flourish.

Colleen M. Murphy
Executive Director and
General Counsel

Cc: Governor Dannel P. Malloy
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