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Senator Barbara Buono, Chair
Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
c/o David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer
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State House Annex, PO Box 68
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Dear Senator Buono:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on May 20, 2009. This letter responds to your correspondence of that date seeking a written response to the following question raised by Senator Haines during the hearing:

Question

Please justify the proposed \$850,000 increase in the Services Other than Personal appropriation for the Office of the State Comptroller from \$1,100,000 in FY 2009 to \$1,950,000 in FY 2010. Please detail the third party services for which the office has contracted in FY 2009 and intends to contract in FY 2010.

Answer

The Office of the State Comptroller's proposed FY10 budget does not include any increase to OSC's total budget but rather reallocates current line item amounts based on experience from the office's first full fiscal year of operation in FY09. The proposed budget attempts to project sufficient available funds since OSC was not fully staffed for several months in FY09, while also reflecting the fact that OSC may require the engagement of outside professionals in FY10 due to increasing statutory audit responsibilities recently vested in the office. These funds are also expected to be needed for OSC (and the State) to fulfill expanding audit responsibilities in overseeing the billions of Federal Recovery Act dollars that will be flowing into New Jersey in FY10. Additionally, we note that pending legislation (A3935/S2868) that would implement the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Police Standards requires OSC to oversee and audit the

Division of State Police's compliance with the reforms codified in the bill, which is expected to require the services of outside professionals. OSC did not contract for third party services in FY09.

Respectfully,

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A. Matthew Boxer