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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

The Honorable Evan P. Shanley, Chair
House Committee on State Government & Elections

RE: In support of House Bill 5451 - An Act Relating to Public Records – Public Records
Administration

Dear Chair Shanley,

I write this letter in support of House Bill 5451, legislation that will modernize the laws outlining appropriate care of government records, and the duties and responsibilities of the Public Records Administration and its role in supporting agencies in public records management.

The legislation updates the existing statute for current practices and modernizes the legislation terminology for more current public record formats and considerations. While the Office of the Auditor General currently approves submitted retention schedules and amendments within two weeks of receipt, I support the added language that allows schedules to become final within 120 days to ensure administrative efficiency.

I urge this committee to support House Bill 5451, as we believe this legislation will support records management throughout the State and keep government information accessible and transparent to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David A. Bergantino, CPA, CFE
Auditor General

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government & Elections
The Honorable Earl Read