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The Honorable Representative Evan P. Shanley  
Chairperson  
House Committee on State Government and Elections  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: House Bill 7499 – Relating to State Affairs and Government – Rhode Island Department of Transportation Efficiency and Performance Audit Act**

Dear Chairperson Shanley:

Thank you for providing the Office of Internal Audit and Program Integrity (OIAPI) the opportunity to submit this letter of concern in response to House Bill 7499.

The bill charges the Department of Administration (DOA) with commissioning an independent efficiency and performance audit of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to be delivered to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2027.

OIAPI within the Department of Administration has a track record of effectively and efficiently auditing Executive Branch agencies' programs. Given its experience and expertise, OIAPI is concerned that the proposed audit's deadline is unrealistic.

Should the bill be enacted by the end of the legislative session, DOA will have approximately six months to ensure the completion of the audit by the given deadline. This process involves competitively procuring a vendor with "demonstrated expertise in transportation systems, infrastructure finance, and public-sector performance benchmarking," onboarding the selected vendor, and requiring the vendor to complete a robust scope of work. Based on its experience, OIAPI anticipates that the requested audit would take approximately six to 12 months to complete, with the cost of procured services directly related to the stipulated completion timeline. This estimate does not account for the time necessary to procure the services of an external vendor, which could add two to three months to the timeline.

Additionally, OMB is concerned that the legislation does not provide resources to DOA to finance the contracted vendor required to conduct the independent audit. An audit of this scope would require a team of auditors with varied skills, including finance, transportation project management, and organizational efficiency. Further, it would require the review of voluminous financial and project records to meet the comprehensive nature of the intended audit.

OIAPI remains committed to fulfilling its critical role in auditing Executive Branch agencies and strives to ensure that all audits are completed in a timely manner; however, it would be exceedingly difficult,

if not impossible, to complete an audit of this scope by the prescribed deadline.

If you require further clarification or have any questions, please contact me at your convenience at [Andrew.M.Manca@audits.ri.gov](mailto:Andrew.M.Manca@audits.ri.gov) or (401) 574-8170.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections  
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Steven Sepe, Committee Clerk