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The Honorable Nicholas Mattiello  
Speaker of the House  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
Room 323, Rhode Island State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

The Honorable Dominick Ruggerio  
President of the Senate  
Rhode Island Senate  
Room 318, Rhode Island State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Speaker Mattiello and President Ruggerio:

Included in these attachments are my final recommendations for statutory changes related to the work of the statewide Government Efficiency Commission. Earlier this year, I charged the Commission with undertaking a comprehensive review of Rhode Island state government to identify opportunities for increased efficiencies and savings.

The Commission focused on developing efficiency recommendations that furthered the following goals:

- Re-organization and consolidation of agencies, divisions, and programs within and across state government; and
- Making more efficient and effective use of the State's real estate, leases, assets and resources.

The Commission – which included representation from both the public and private sector – spent weeks analyzing some of the most complex and essential functions of state government. My final recommendations – which total between \$10.2 million to \$14.2 million in estimated savings for Fiscal Year 2020 – are largely based on their proposals. I have asked my team to take administrative actions suggested by the final recommendations in order to realize efficiencies as immediately as possible.

Finding efficiencies in government is critical to ensuring that government services are provided at the best possible value for taxpayers. It's important to me that there is a healthy balance in the budget between operational efficiency and long-term investments that move our state forward.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these proposals.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

CC: Mr. Leo Skenyon, Chief of Staff, Speaker of the House  
Mr. Stephen Iannazzi, Chief of Staff, Senate President