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The Hon. Nancy S. Wyman
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Dear Comptroller Wyman:

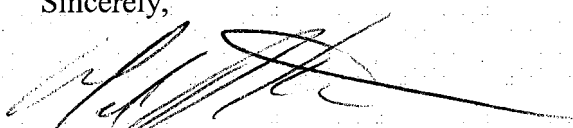
I am writing in regard to the planned audit of the Department of Social Services by your office. You have stated publicly that you intend to retain "UHY International" for the audit. Since you have indicated that you will not be putting out public bids for a consultant, I assume that you plan to utilize the existing Department of Administrative Services award for UHY services.

I feel compelled to bring to your attention that UHY Advisors, affiliated with Urbach Hacker Young International Limited, is currently representing two service providers who have rate appeals before the Department of Social Services. Moreover, UHY Advisors is on record as representing 41 other private providers at DSS.

Given that UHY would be looking at DSS records, logs, financial statements and other documents as part of your audit, it is highly inappropriate and, in fact, a gross conflict of interest for this organization to have access to such information while representing and attempting to "deliver" for private clients.

I understand the desire for an audit and the department will fully cooperate with your office. However, it should be a fair and objective review, with no financial or other interest on the part of the auditor. I trust you will ensure that this obvious and blatant conflict of interest does not taint the process. UHY Advisors or UHY International is not acceptable.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Starkowski
Commissioner

c: The Hon. M. Jodi Rell, Governor
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