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Dear Bond Commission Members:

At the March 16, 2010 Bond Commission meeting, I expressed reservations about issuing another \$500 million in General Obligation Bonds in light of the fact that in the Spring of 2009, the State authorized \$700 million of Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANS") for cash flow purposes. I, therefore, respectfully voted against that issuance.

At that March meeting, the Treasurer's representative indicated that these BANS were short-term obligations coming due in the next month and the Treasurer was contemplating rolling these over for another year. While I understand that the State obtained a favorable interest rate on the issuance, I am mindful of the fact that in FY 2009, the Commission authorized over \$1.8 billion of general obligation bonds, far exceeding its needs to fund the capital projects in that year.

Through our Office of Fiscal Analysis, I inquired on the status of the BANS in order to determine whether the Treasurer has paid them off in light of the State's \$393 million surplus and apparent improved cash flow

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situation. To date, I have not received a response.

Given the fact that the State may still have enough bonds already authorized to fund capital projects, I am not inclined to support the authorization of more bonds. It is unfortunate, as a member of the Bond Commission charged with making decisions about the State's indebtedness, that I cannot get the necessary information to make an informed decision. Given that Connecticut is the most indebted state in the nation and that enough bond authorizations may exist to fund this fiscal year's allocations, I believe it is imperative that the Commission members have adequate information prior to its vote tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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