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Senator Mae Flexer
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Representative Daniel Fox
Legislative Office Building, Room 2202

Dear GAE Chairpersons,

We write as a follow up to our June 8th letter regarding scheduling and convening a joint public hearing on the State Auditor's reports of state agencies. We request that a hearing be scheduled immediately on the UConn Health Center audit.

As you are aware, an auditor's report regarding the health center was released on May 23, 2018, where they cited multiple issues involving misuse of funds, violating state policy, and conflicts of interest. For example, according to the State Auditor's report:

- UConn Health failed to comply with its policy on reemployment of retirees and Executive Order 27-A. The violation places additional burdens on the state retirement system because it encourages employees to retire early for free health insurance and pension benefits while maintaining a reduced work schedule.
- UConn Health did not adequately consider the potential conflict of interest when allowing a consultant to approve 1 of the 2 UConn Health employees' performance evaluations and both employees' salary increases.
- UConn Health spent more than it should have on unused compensatory time. The practice of paying cash for compensatory leave balances of managerial employees and bargaining employees (Maintenance & Service Unit and Administrative Clerical) contradicted the state's policy and contractual agreements. UConn Health has a more generous managerial compensatory time policy than other state agencies. Compensatory leave balances did not expire in accordance with the state prevailing policy. Instead, UConn Health paid additional compensation to employees whose bargaining contracts did not include an agreement for a cash payout.

We understand that that the deadline for this hearing is not until November. However, UConn's recent statements that they will further increase tuition and the university's suggestions that fringe benefits and state funding adjustments are impossible to absorb show the need to look closely at the mismanagement of funds throughout UConn immediately. The many students at UConn who are being asked to pay more deserve full accountability and transparency from the university which a public hearing will provide.

We ask that you respond to us **no later than** June 22nd to provide us with available dates to hold this hearing.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Michael A. McLachlan
Senate Co-Chair

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Laura Devlin
Ranking Member