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The Honorable Gov. Ned Lamont
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The Honorable Attorney General William Tong
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Dear Governor Lamont and Attorney General Tong:

We write to you regarding the continued controversies at the Connecticut Port Authority (CPA).

In April 2019, Senator Fasano wrote to your administrations asking that you "immediately review every bid and every contract signed by the Connecticut Port Authority since its establishment." That request was denied. Now, another CPA contract is creating public controversy. That contract is an alleged May 2018 agreement with a subsidiary of Seabury Capital Group to manage the process of finding an operator for State Pier in New London.

While we in the legislative branch will continue pressing for policy reforms which make CPA more transparent and accountable, we urge the Executive Branch to conduct its own review of CPA. In addition, a thorough probe by the Attorney General's office should be done as well. Action taken by the Attorney General's office, we feel, would send a strong and positive signal to middle-class families of Connecticut that the Executive Branch values their tax dollars. An Executive Branch-led review of CPA practices will show that potential systemic problems at any state taxpayer-funded government agency will receive a comprehensive examination. Your findings could also lead to additional legislative reforms aimed at creating more transparency and accountability at CPA.

Thank you for your consideration of this request as we seek to restore the public's trust in CPA.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kevin Kelly in black ink.

Kevin Kelly
Senate Republican Leader

Handwritten signature of Paul Formica in black ink.

Paul Formica
Deputy Senate Republican Leader Pro Tempore