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Auditors of Public Accounts Testimony Fiscal Year 2027 Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments

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Thank you for your continued support.

Governor's Proposed Budget

This budget generally includes sufficient funding for our current operations, funding our fiscal year 2027 Personal Services at \$16,701,328 and Other Expenses at \$451,727. However, this budget does not include our original request to provide funding of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 to replace our information technology hardware.

Carryforward for New Computers

If you cannot include the original \$200,000 funding in our budget, we are requesting a carryforward of the available fiscal year 2026 Personal Services and Other Expenses lapsing balances to purchase necessary information technology hardware (i.e., laptop computers) for our 127 employees, and our interns, student workers, and peer reviewers. Due to the demands of our work, APA needs to replace our hardware within five years as technology becomes outdated and is more likely in need of repair. We last replaced our laptop computers during fiscal year 2022.

Additional Positions

We are requesting three additional auditor positions in fiscal year 2027 to take on new statutorily required work. We are not requesting additional personal services funding for these positions. We would only fill them when long-serving employees retire from state service.

The Government Oversight Committee created and will likely propose additional work for our office. The committee continues to regularly schedule numerous hearings on our audits, which require our managers and front-line auditors to devote a significant amount of time. Also, [Public Act 25-147](#), An Act Concerning the Timing and Scope of Audits by the

Auditors of Public Accounts, gave the committee greater influence over our office. Specifically, the act:

- Required the APA to provide the committee a proposed annual schedule of audits to be conducted over the following fiscal year.
- Required state or quasi-public agencies subject to APA reports that contain other than minor or technical violations of state statute or regulation to report the status of their corrective action to the APA, Governor, and legislature within six months after report issuance. The committee may request the APA to verify any matter in the corrective action report, to which the APA must respond within 60 days.
- Allowed the committee to request the APA to perform a limited performance engagement within available appropriations.

The Government Oversight Committee is considering other bills that would increase our workload.

Thank you again for your support for our office. Please let us know if you need additional information or have any questions. You can reach Craig Miner at craig.miner@cga.ct.gov or 860-240-8653 and John Geragosian at john.geragosian@cga.ct.gov or 860-240-8651.

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