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Dear Colleagues,

I read with great interest the recent CT News Junkie article entitled "Moye to Electronic Files Has Capitol Insiders Looking for Alternatives" (Christine Stuart, November 16).

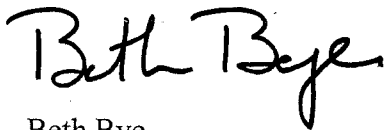
One of my greatest sources of frustration in the General Assembly is passing the new boxes of printed materials which adorn the hallways outside offices of the Legislative Office Building every few months. Whether they are revisions to state statutes, public acts, or various other statutorily required reports, these materials are all expensive to print and contain information which is readily – and more conveniently – found online. Just within the past two weeks, another set of books was distributed and remains outside the doors of many legislators.

I have spent much time over the last several years looking for ways to reduce our paper waste out of both financial and environmental concerns. Common wisdom as we look

toward the FY2012 budget is that the low-hanging fruit has already been picked. I disagree. So long as we continue to unnecessarily print these documents for every legislator and many other individuals, we are ignoring small, but simple and painless savings in our very own budget.

I look forward to the recommendations of the Task Force to Study Converting Legislative Documents from Paper to Electronic Form. I hope they will be seriously considered. As new generations of legislators and staff with increasing technical and computer savvy enter public service, the need for such a large volume of printing will only further decrease.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Bye". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Beth" and last name "Bye" clearly distinguishable.

Beth Bye
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cc: The Honorable Joseph Crisco, Co-Chair
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