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**Draft 2018-2023 Conservation and Development Policies:**  
**The Plan for Connecticut**

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Senators and Representatives:

Thank you for convening a public hearing on the Draft Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut, 2018-2023 (Draft C&D Plan).

This is the fourth consecutive year that the Office of Policy and Management has submitted the Draft State C&D Plan for the General Assembly's consideration of adoption. We have been before the Continuing Committee with the Draft C&D Plan in 2018, 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions. In 2018, House Joint Resolution No. 172 was not acted on by the General Assembly and in 2019, House Joint Resolution No. 74 was raised, but not transmitted to the General Assembly. Last year a public hearing was held but no action was taken as we entered the COVID pandemic period.

We respectfully ask for your support again this fourth time as well as your assistance and backing to move the Draft C&D Plan through the House and Senate.

OPM recommends the re-setting the time covered by the Draft C&D Plan be made to 2021 – 2026. Without knowledge of how the changes in the newly adopted plan affect its implementation, it will be difficult to develop a basis for a new plan. By making no change, the process for the next five-year plan, 2023-2028, will begin in the fall of this year.

My staff is available to assist the Continuing Committee and members of the General Assembly in the coming weeks so that you can fulfill your responsibilities under CGS Section 16a-30.

I will now ask Dan Morley and his team to review the Draft C&D Plan. We will be available to answer any questions that arise following the presentation.