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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
AUDITOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
STATE HOUSE  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02133

The Honorable Steven T. James  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*  
State House, Room 145  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133  
November 5, 2008

Dear Clerk James:

Pursuant to Chapter 30, section 33, MGLs, the Office of the State Auditor hereby submits the following legislation for the 2009 – 2010 legislative session.

An Act Relative to the Local Mandate Law

This bill would update and strengthen the Commonwealth’s local mandate law consistent with court decisions and Division of Local Mandate determinations.

An Act Relative to Vendor Contracts

This bill would strengthen and clarify the State Auditor’s authority to audit public funds appropriated by the Legislature.

An Act Relative to Financial Requirements of Business, Correspondence and Trade Schools

This bill would strengthen the State Auditor’s oversight of so-called occupational schools and increase consumer protection.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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*General Counsel.*