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Representative Ronald Mariano, Speaker of the House
24 Beacon Street, Room 356
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Dear Speaker Mariano:

In accordance with Chapter 11, Section 12, of the Massachusetts General Laws, we will be conducting a performance audit of the Massachusetts General Court (House, Senate, and Joint Legislative Committees).

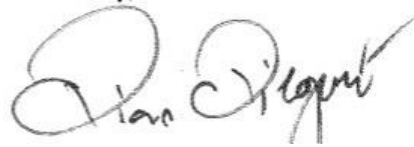
The Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), commonly referred to as the "Yellow Book", are produced in the United States by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The standards apply to both financial and performance audits of government agencies. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with these standards and will include but not be limited to the review of access to budgetary, hiring, spending and procurement information, as well as information regarding active and pending legislation, the process for appointing committees, the adoption and suspension of House and Senate rules and the policies and procedures of the House and Senate.

As you may know, Chapter 11, Section 12, of the General Laws requires organizations being audited to provide our audit team with books, documents, and other records pertaining to the audit. We may also make inquiries regarding audit issues with the members of your staff responsible for the functions involved in this audit, and request from management, written confirmation of statements your staff made to us during the audit. We ask that all requested records and information be made available to us within 72 hours of the date of request.

At the completion of our audit, we will provide your agency with a draft copy of our audit report for your review and comments. Your comments should be forwarded to us within 15 days of notification. Also, if you would like a formal exit meeting, please request the meeting at this time.

My office will be in touch to make arrangements for an entrance conference to be scheduled during March 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana DiZoglio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diana" being larger and more prominent than the last name "DiZoglio".

Diana DiZoglio
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Cc: Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chairperson, House Committee on Ways and Means
Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Vice Chairperson, House Committee on Ways and Means
Representative William C. Galvin, Chairperson, House Committee on Rules
Representative John J. Mahoney, Chairperson, House Committee on Post Audit and Oversight
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