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**BY EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Len Fasano  
Senate Republican Leader  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue, Suite 3400  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Dear Senator Fasano:

Thank you for your letter of August 21, 2019 to Office of Policy and Management ("OPM") Secretary Melissa McCaw and me concerning the Connecticut Port Authority.

I appreciate and share your concerns about recently reported actions and potential misconduct at this quasi-public agency. I also agree that a comprehensive and thorough review and investigation of the Port Authority should be conducted immediately. I strongly support the Governor's partnering with OPM and the Office of the Treasurer to examine this and other quasi-public agencies.

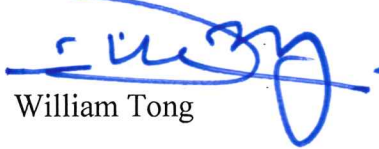
In your letter, you requested that the Attorney General and OPM review every bid and contract signed by the Port Authority since its inception. By law, the Auditors of Public Accounts (the "Auditors") have original jurisdiction and explicit authority to investigate complaints involving matters related to corruption, unethical practices, violation of state laws or regulations, mismanagement, or gross waste of funds in quasi-public agencies, including the Port Authority, as set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 4-61dd (commonly known as the "Whistleblower" statute.) The Auditors are, in the first instance, best situated to review, investigate and analyze contracting practices at the Port Authority and to determine whether any wrongful acts occurred.

Although contracts and bids from quasi-public agencies do not flow through our office for review, given the extraordinary circumstances here, I have instructed Assistant Deputy Attorney General Joseph Rubin to contact the Auditors and OPM and provide any assistance we can to assist them in their investigation and review, including review of any bids and contracts, as appropriate. I also understand that OPM has expanded its scope of review from its standard involvement with quasi-public contracting. To that end, in accordance with my authority as set out in Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 3-125 and 4-61dd, I am ready and able to assist OPM or the Auditors in the course of their work.

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As always, I am available to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William Tong', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

William Tong

cc:

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John C. Geragosian, Auditor of Public Accounts  
Robert J. Kane, Auditor of Public Accounts