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Comptroller Kevin Lembo
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Dear Comptroller Lembo:

I have just become aware that over the past couple of months employees in my office have not had any payroll deductions made as required by Public Act 19-25 – "An Act Concerning Paid Family and Medical Leave." Since this law applies to all non-unionized state employees, I'm concerned that this failure to make the required deductions is not limited to my staff alone. Furthermore, while our office has no control over the payroll deductions managed by your office, I am concerned what impact this may have on our staff's personal budgets and overall, our office budget.

We are of course not alone – our state's businesses are confronting the same challenges, burdened with having to implement a new government program while doing all they can to just survive during this pandemic.

As you may be aware, House Republicans were concerned with the rollout of this new program and asked the governor to postpone its implementation to give private businesses time to comply. At that time, it did not cross our minds that government agencies may have needed extra time as well, and I am concerned that we are now two months into implementation of a program that our own government failed to comply with its provisions. While this proposal received only Democratic support, nevertheless, Republicans recognize that the policy is law, but continue to question the efficacy of another government bureaucracy.

In the name of open and transparent government, please forward information regarding each state department that is not making the deductions as required by law, what solutions your office is providing for making up for the lost payments to the Paid FMLA program, and an estimate of when this situation will be rectified.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent J. Cardona". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

House Republican Leader

Cc: Ned Lamont, Governor
Matthew Ritter, Speaker of the House
Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader
Martin M. Looney, President Pro- Tempore
Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader
Kevin Kelly, Senate Minority Leader