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By email to melody.currey@ct.gov

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Melody Currey, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Administrative Services
165 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Griswold, Town of - Police Firing Range

Dear Commissioner Currey,

As you know, I represent the Town of Griswold in relation to the proposed siting of a firearms training facility in the Town by the Connecticut State Police. I understand that you have recently spoken with Kevin Skulczyk, Griswold First Selectman, regarding the funding process for the range. Mr. Skulczyk and myself both have several questions concerning the range and its inclusion (or lack thereof) in recent State Facility Plans. Specifically, our concerns lie with the involvement of the State Properties Review Board in the range planning discussions, including:

- Whether the range has been reviewed and approved by the Board more recently than the 1995-2000 State Facilities Plan;
- The most recent cost level of the range approved by the Board;
- The level of control the Board has over cost overages, as envisioned by C.G.S. § 4b-23(j), in the absence of a cost level set in the current State Facility Plan
- The most recent facility plan submitted to your Department by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (or its predecessor agency) that included the range

These issues speak to the level of oversight the State Properties Review Board effectively has over the firing range in its role as the General Assembly's independent watchdog agency over state facility planning and construction. Particularly in these tight fiscal times, these concerns are no mere procedural technicality, but are a critical aspect of fiscally sound budgeting for state construction.

My client and I appreciate your Department's willingness to respond to the Town's concerns so far, despite the fact that you are under no legal obligation to do so. I hope that that willingness will continue with these latest concerns. In the course of our recent meetings with Governor Malloy and Attorney General Jepsen on these issues, both have indicated that such a response would be forthcoming; our understanding from those meetings was that your Department would issue the

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response. Considering the holiday season, I understand if that response cannot be immediate, but I hope that it would come prior to the end of the year.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb F. Hamel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Caleb" being the most prominent part.

Caleb F. Hamel

Cc: Kevin Skulczyk, First Selectman, Town of Griswold