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### **Auditor General DePasquale Offers to Help General Assembly Improve Transparency, Openness by Reviewing Fiscal Operations**

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale said today he is offering his department’s services to leaders of the Senate and House to help increase transparency and openness in light of the recent limited audit revealing a surplus of \$118.4 million in legislative accounts.

“I am writing to offer the Department of the Auditor General’s assistance in conducting an in-depth review of the General Assembly’s fiscal operations to help you provide the maximum level of transparency and openness to taxpayers,” DePasquale wrote, noting the General Assembly could simply invite his department to review the appropriate accounts.

Auditor General DePasquale makes all audits available online at: [www.PaAuditor.gov](http://www.PaAuditor.gov).

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:** *A copy of the Auditor General’s letter to legislators is attached.*



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The Honorable Frank Dermody  
423 Main Capitol  
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Dear Leaders of the General Assembly,

I am writing to offer the Department of the Auditor General's assistance in conducting an in-depth review of the General Assembly's fiscal operations to help you provide the maximum level of transparency and openness to taxpayers.

You may not be aware that neither legislation, nor a constitutional amendment are necessary to engage the services of my department. Just like the Philadelphia Parking Authority, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, and the Pittsburgh Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, all three of which requested my assistance, the General Assembly could simply invite my Department to review the appropriate accounts.

If you wish to avail your caucuses of my Department's services, please contact my office.

Sincerely,  
Eugene A. DePasquale  
Auditor General