



**Office of the Washington State Auditor
Pat McCarthy**

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The Honorable Gerry Pollet
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Dear Representative Pollet,

I appreciate your continued effort towards local government accountability. As you know, the State Auditor's Office is committed to providing citizens with independent and transparent examinations of how state and local governments use public funds and comply with related rules and laws.

Our vision at SAO is increased trust in government. Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act is integral to maintaining that trust. I support your efforts to update OPMA to apply more fully to current technology and to ensure that every government is responsible for compliance with the Act.

We hope to continue to partner with you and other members of the legislature to increase trust and accountability in government. I share your belief that the transparency offered by the OPMA is a crucial tool in maintaining that trust.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy
Washington State Auditor