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To: Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chairperson, Senate Committee on Appropriations

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From: Adam Greshin, Commissioner of Finance and Management

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Re: Amendment Requested to H.760, "An act relating to fiscal year 2020 budget adjustments"

Regarding the House's subsequent amendment to H.760 on February 11, 2020, please consider the following changes which reflect the Administration's capacity to report on the Department of Corrections' progress toward the requirements of Section 70a. We do not believe, within the short period of time remaining before April 1, 2020, that DOC will be able to provide a report as currently required by the House's amendment.

Sec. 70a DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; GRADUATED SANCTIONS; REENTRY HOUSING; REPORT

(a) ~~On or before April 1, 2020 the~~ The Department of Corrections shall ~~report on~~ review how to strengthen existing graduated sanctions and incentive policies to ensure they reflect current research on best practices for responses to violation behavior that most effectively achieve behavior change and uphold public safety. The Department shall also identify reentry housing needs for corrections populations. As a part of this work, the Department shall ~~report on how to:~~

(b) On or before April 1, 2020, the Department shall report to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on:

(1) ~~the Department's plan to reduce its use of short term incarceration sanctions for people on furlough, the number of short term incarceration sanctions imposed, and the number of graduated sanctions imposed;~~

(2) ~~recommendations for funding in the fiscal year 2021 budget; and~~

(3) ~~the Department's progress toward completing the remaining work required by this section.~~