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Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you as you review the proposed budget for the Office of the Governor.

Before I begin my brief comments, I would like to thank our assigned analyst, Mr. Benjamin Wilhelm, for his thoughtful analysis.

I am pleased that he has concluded that the Governor has put forth another responsible spending plan for fiscal year 2019. The Governor believes that it is important his Office's spending reflect the same fiscal restraint that he is asking all other agencies to implement.

Mr. Chairman, we *support the analyst's recommendation to concur* with the Governor's allowance for our Office.

To that end, I am open to any questions you or your colleagues may have in response to the analysis.