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Senator Lois Tochtrop, Chairman
Legislative Audit Committee
200 East Colfax Avenue, #346
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Senator Tochtrop:

The purpose of this letter is to request the Colorado Legislative Audit Committee and the State Auditor's office conduct a full financial audit of the Governor's Energy Office including the use of state and federal dollars as it pertains to private companies doing business on behalf of and with the GEO. I am requesting that the audit include companies with contracts over \$100,000.00 as it relates to the terms of those contracts and agreements.

Recent review of the last three years of financial records has raised concerns over the appropriate use of federal and state dollars as well as questionable accounting practices. The audit should:

- Determine whether or not the Department adequately documents expenditures and follows current acceptable accounting practices;
- Review expenditures/donations within the Department to verify that spending is in compliance with state and federal law;
- Determine whether or not expenses are within the scope of the Departments mission and within customary standards for cost-effective business practices;
- Review procurement policies to determine whether or not there are unfair business practices;
- Verify that contracts have sufficient oversight, quality control and verifiable outcomes; and,
- Review project expenses and vendor fees to verify proper recording and necessity.

I hereby request, pursuant to Colorado law and on behalf of Colorado citizens, the Legislative Audit Committee direct the State Auditor, Dianne Ray, to precede with a full financial and performance audit of the Governor's Energy Office.

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cc: Representative Deb Gardner
Representative James Kerr
Representative Joe Miklosi
Senator Morgan Carroll
Senator Steve King
Senator Scott Renfro

