



OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

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COMPTROLLER

July 6, 2017

Mr. Scott Harry  
Director, Governor's Office of Management and Budget  
603 Stratton Bldg.  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Director Harry:

With today's enactment of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget, Comptroller Mendoza has directed our Office to begin the process of administering those provisions of the Budget Implementation Act that would allow for the reduction of the state's \$15 billion bill backlog and address the accrued late payment interest penalties of over \$800 million. Every day we delay costs taxpayers \$2 million in additional penalties. Therefore, I would like to request that our two Offices confer immediately in order to utilize the budgetary management tools as authorized in this budget.

Please let us know of your earliest availability to begin this critical discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Schoeben".

Kevin Schoeben  
Assistant Comptroller

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