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Dear Mr. Drown,

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 2009. With respect to your specific questions regarding issues as they apply to the Governor's Reorganization Plan, I have prepared the following responses which I hope you find adequately address your concerns:

- *How will the Governor's Reorganization Plan improve information security in California?*

The GRP will result in improved relationships and more consistent information security policy guidance to state agencies through the natural relationship between the Office of the CIO and the Office of Information Security. Close coordination between information security and IT operations is one of the key ingredients to an efficient and securely functioning organization. As the OCIO begins delivering enterprise IT solutions and services, the Office of Information Security will have more visibility into those processes and consequently, have more influence over the secure functioning of those solutions and services.

Under the reorganization, the Office of Information Security will build on the State's first strategic plan for information security, obtain more federal grants, and continue to elevate information security as initially pioneered by the SCSA.

- *What risks or adverse outcomes have you identified as a result of moving the information security functions of OISPP into the OCIO?*

While the most common organizational models in use today align the Information Security function within the CIO organization, there are lingering and unfounded perceptions that this could present a conflict of interest between the OCIO's mission to meet business requirements and the Office of Information Security's mission to protect assets and information.

- *How is OISPP currently staffed? How will the existing staff at OISPP be affected by this consolidation?*

The current budget provides OISPP with 14.5 PYs (personnel years). The consolidation will result in transferring the six staff with functions related to information security into the OCIO while the 8.5 staff with consumer-facing privacy functions will remain in SCSA. (This is the same staffing allocation of the predecessor offices that were consolidated into OISPP by SB 90 of 2007.)

- *What will happen to the privacy protection functions of OISPP?*

The consumer-facing privacy protection functions of OISPP will remain within the State and Consumer Services Agency (SCSA) as the Office of Privacy Protection (OPP). OPP will continue to perform education and advocacy outreach functions to promote consumer privacy.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance to the Little Hoover Commission.

Sincerely,

Mark Weatherford, Executive Officer  
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