



The Massachusetts House of Representatives

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Via Hand Deliver

The Honorable Diana DiZoglio
Auditor of the Commonwealth
State House, Room 230
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Auditor DiZoglio,

Pursuant to House Rule 85A, the House of Representatives will be commencing the procurement process for an outside, independent audit of House financial accounts for Fiscal Year 2025 which as you know ran from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

For your edification, House Rule 85A provides as follows:

85A. (a) The committee on Operations, Facilities and Security, upon receipt of the recommendation of the state auditor pursuant to subsection (b), shall provide that an outside, independent financial audit of House financial accounts be conducted for each fiscal year upon receipt of the fiscal year end appropriation activity with balance report from the comptroller of the Commonwealth. The outside, independent financial audit shall be conducted in accordance with the standards for audits of governmental organizations, programs, activities and functions, commonly referred to as the "Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS)" or "Yellow Book," published by the Comptroller General of the United States. The committee on Operations, Facilities and Security, with the assistance of the House Business Manager, shall provide the independent auditor with requested financial documents for such financial audit. A copy of the completed outside, independent financial audit shall be filed with the Clerk of the House and the state auditor and shall be posted on the website of the General Court.

(b) The committee on Operations, Facilities and Security shall annually request that the state auditor recommend a private, independent auditing firm to conduct the independent financial audit of House financial accounts required by subsection (a). The

state auditor shall, within 30 days of the committee's request, recommend to the committee a private, independent auditing firm from the list of private, independent auditing firms on the appropriate statewide procurement contract established by the operational services division. The committee shall direct the House Business Manager to execute a contract with the private, independent auditing firm recommended by the state auditor pursuant to a statewide procurement contract established by the operational services division. If the state auditor fails to recommend a private, independent auditing firm to serve as the independent auditor of House financial accounts within 30 days of receiving a request from the committee, then the committee shall direct the House Business Manager to retain a private, independent auditing firm from the appropriate statewide procurement contract established by the operational services division.

(c) The provisions of this rule shall apply to fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2025.

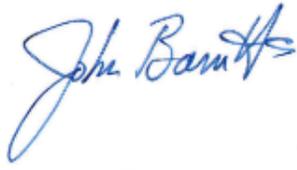
Although not required by House Rule 85A to request that you recommend a private, independent auditing firm to conduct the independent financial audit of House financial accounts until the Fiscal Year 2026 Audit, in the interest of transparency and accountability, we are respectfully requesting that you recommend to the Committee a private, independent auditing firm from the list of private, independent auditing firms on the appropriate statewide procurement contract established by the operational services division to conduct the House's Fiscal Year 2025 Audit. Upon your recommendation of a private, independent auditing firm as described above, the Committee will direct the House Business Manager to execute a contract with the firm you selected to conduct the private, independent financial audit of House financial accounts for Fiscal Year 2025.

In the event that you fail to recommend a private, independent auditing firm to conduct the independent financial audit of House financial accounts for Fiscal Year 2025 within 30 days of receipt of this letter, then the Committee will direct the House Business Manager to retain a private, independent auditing firm from the appropriate statewide procurement contract established by the operational services division.

It is the Committee's desire to work with you and your office to procure a private, independent auditing firm to conduct an objective independent financial audit of House financial accounts for Fiscal Year 2025 that is consistent with the standards for audits of governmental organizations, programs, activities and functions, commonly referred to as the "Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS)" or "Yellow Book," published by the Comptroller General of the United States. Upon completion of the independent financial audit, and regardless of your participation in the procurement process, the Committee will provide you with a copy of the independent financial audit report per the terms of House Rule 85A.

We look forward to your cooperation and working together for the people of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Barrett III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Representative John Barrett III

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Chair, House Committee on Operations, Facility and Security