



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 26, 2017

Representative Al Riley  
262-W Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Representative Riley:

As you are aware, Governor Rauner has proposed a series of changes to the state procurement process. I agree with the governor that we may generate savings for the state through procurement changes, and I would like to work to enact reasonable measures that reduce the cost of state government while protecting transparency and ethical conduct in all contracting decisions.

I would request that the State Government Administration Committee begin immediate consideration of the governor's proposals. In doing so, I would ask the Committee to:

- Evaluate ways to streamline the current structure to improve the procurement process;
- Analyze and determine whether there is a need for the current structure, which includes Chief Procurement Officers, State Purchasing Officers, Procurement Monitors, and the Procurement Policy Board;
- Examine whether current law provides sufficient protections to ensure ethical procurements and avoid alleged conflicts of interest, and if those protections adequately protect the taxpayers or serve as a deterrent to the procurement process;
- Conclude whether the law should be amended to address needs and duties of certain agencies or institutions.
- Determine if joint purchasing agreements would be beneficial to the State and local governments.

Cost-saving measures that maintain a fair and transparent procurement process are a priority for the governor and for the House Democratic Caucus.

I look forward to working with you on this measure.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House