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The Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
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Dear Mr. James:

In compliance with Section 33 of Chapter 30 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Inspector General respectfully submits five legislative proposals for the 2017-2018 session of the General Court.

1. The first proposal, An Act Relative to Higher Education Boards and Trustees, would require every member of a board of trustees for an institution of higher education in Massachusetts to participate in training from the Department of Higher Education. The proposal also states that membership on the board of trustees shall terminate if a member fails to complete a training program.
2. The second proposal, An Act Relative to Chapter 30B, would increase a fine and make technical corrections to Chapter 30B, the Uniform Procurement Law. The technical changes update Chapter 30B to include correct statutory references based on recently enacted amendments to other statutes. The proposal also strikes a section of Chapter 30B that is duplicative.
3. The third proposal, An Act Relative to Disabled Persons' Parking Placards, would create a penalty for obstructing certain information on disabled persons' parking placards, increase suspensions for wrongful use, and add language requiring the return of a canceled or revoked placard. The proposal would also make it a crime to use or display a deceased person's parking placard or to make counterfeit placards with the intent to distribute them. The Registry of Motor Vehicles' Placard Abuse Task Force, which the RMV established to combat placard abuse, has helped to refine this legislation in its current form.

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4. The fourth proposal, An Act Relative to Tax Returns, would allow the Department of Revenue to provide the Office of the Inspector General with records the Office needs to carry out its mandate of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse. Such records would be confidential pursuant to Chapter 12A.
5. The fifth proposal, An Act Relative to Chapter 30B Notifications, would require that contractors notify the Office of the Inspector General of certain violations or overpayments. The Office could suspend or debar vendors for not complying with this notification requirement.

Thank you for attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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