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DIANE L. HARKEY
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August 5, 2014

Hon. John Chiang
California State Controller
300 Capitol Mall, 10th floor
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Re: Legislative Salary Suspension
Assemblymember Diane L. Harkey

Honorable Mr. Chiang:

I would like to suspend the salary paid to me by the people of California for my legislative work on their behalf as of August 1, 2014. I have received a copy of the July 28th, 2014 "Employees Return" (wage garnishment). The garnishment was based on my purported status as "Spouse of Judgment Debtor." The judgment debtor is Dan J. Harkey. Dan Harkey and I are legally separated and I have been in the process of filing a petition for dissolution of the marriage. Therefore, my salary is not community property and no wages should be garnished to pay Mr. Harkey's judgment creditors.

The reason I am suspending my salary is because of the legal separation. It is my belief that the court will reverse the garnishment order in light of the separation and dissolution, and the people's time and money will not be squandered with a frivolous litigation strategy. I was dismissed with prejudice by the plaintiffs. Their claim is solely a judgment against my now former husband.

Thank you and please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane L. Harkey", written over a horizontal line.