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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR-S REPORT

Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE

We have audited the accompanying *Schedule of Computations Required Under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution (TABOR)* (Schedule), as of June 30, 2015, and the related notes.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SCHEDULE

The Office of the State Controller is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this Schedule in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Schedule based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Schedule. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Schedule, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Schedule.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

OPINION

In our opinion, the *Schedule of Computations Required Under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution (TABOR)* referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, changes in reserves, and spending limitation as determined under Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution for the year ended June 30, 2015, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

OTHER MATTER

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the State of Colorado for the year ended June 30, 2015, and our report thereon dated April 26, 2016, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Our auditing procedures also included reconciling amounts contained in this Schedule to the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2015, and testing for irreconcilable conflicts between the State's financial statements and the provisions of TABOR. Additional procedures consisted of evaluating the State of Colorado's compliance with constitutional and statutory provisions of TABOR. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the State's compliance with specified requirements.

The accompanying Schedule was prepared by the Office of the State Controller pursuant to Section 24-77-106.5, C.R.S., which requires a financial report ascertaining compliance with state fiscal policies relating to Article X, Section 20, of the State Constitution. Article 77 further requires a financial report to be prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles unless an irreconcilable conflict exists between generally accepted accounting principles and TABOR, in which case the provisions of said constitutional provision shall control.

Denver, Colorado April 26, 2016

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