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**TESTIMONY OF
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BEFORE THE TASK FORCE ON REDUCTION OF STATE AGENCY PAPER AND
DUPLICATIVE PROCEDURES
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I appreciate the opportunity to provide information to the task force regarding the Office of the Attorney General's efforts to reduce the use of paper and streamlining procedures. The Task Force has requested that each state agency provide such information as part of its ongoing information gathering.

I commend the Task Force for reviewing state agency procedures to determine how the state may reduce the use of paper. Even with our significant recycling efforts, use of paper unnecessary consumes natural resources and energy.

My office has sought to reduce paper use in the following ways:

1. Use electronic filing of court documents;
2. Use emails and pdf documents for internal memos rather than printing out copies for everyone on the cc list;
3. Encourage the printing of necessary documents on two-sides of the paper;
4. Transmit documents to opposing legal counsel by email rather than sending hard paper copy by mail or courier.

Looking forward, there are two major areas where the use of paper could be reduced:

- Use electronic filing of regulations with e-signatures for Attorney General approval and state agency signatures;
- Use electronic contracts with e-signatures for all parties to the contract;

A significant amount of paper is used for draft contracts and proposed regulations, which could be eliminated.

My office is eager to work with the Task Force on reducing paper use. Thank you.