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Hi Jennifer,

I am a senior policy contributor at Forbes publishing a piece later this evening regarding, in part, the two questions below. My deadline is 5pm EST today:

1. Controller Yee claims she's identified \$4.35 billion in waste, abuse, and fiscal mismanagement of public funds since 2015. Is there a break down of what is summed in this figure? Considering that the state spent approximately \$1.5 trillion during this five-year period, is Controller Yee satisfied in the ability of her office to identify these problems?
2. OpenTheBooks.com has a current sunshine request with the controller for line-by-line state vendor payments. How is it that the controller claims to have paid 49 million bills last year, and yet will not produce a single transaction subject to the transparency request?

This is a request for comment. We appreciate any feedback, context, or background that you can provide. Any comments, responses, background, and feedback are important to help us to properly represent the position of the controller. We are asking for your input. My deadline is today at 5pm ET. If you miss our deadline, I'll do my best to update the piece to include any feedback.

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