

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

February 6, 2020

The Honorable Blake A. Filippi
House Minority Leader
Room 106, State House
Providence, RI 02903

Via Hand-delivery

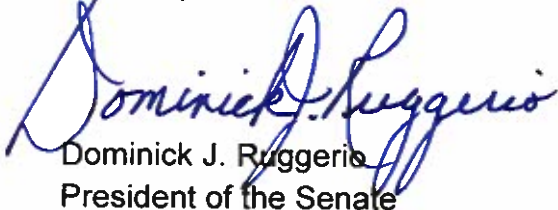
Dear Leader Filippi:

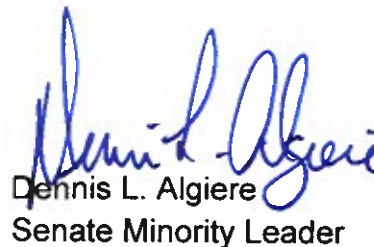
We are writing in regard to your letter, hand delivered this day, calling for a meeting of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 1pm.

We have advocated for meetings of the JCLS, as have all past senate presidents and senate minority leaders, and we continue to want the committee to meet. However, we have consulted with John A. Tarantino, our attorney in the pending lawsuit initiated by you against us as members of JCLS, and have been advised to refrain from attending such meeting while the suit is pending.

We look forward to participating in a meeting of the JCLS after the lawsuit has been resolved.

Sincerely,


Dominick J. Ruggiero
President of the Senate


Dennis L. Algieri
Senate Minority Leader

CC: House Speaker Nicholas Mattiello
House Majority Leader K. Joseph Shekarchi



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

February 11, 2020

Blake A. Filippi
House Minority Leader
House of Representatives

Via Hand-delivery

Dear Leader Filippi:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 6, 2020 wherein you state that you are calling a meeting of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services for Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Please note that you do not have the authority to unilaterally call a meeting of the Committee.

We also received a letter on February 10, 2020 addressed to you by the Senate President Dominick Ruggerio and Senate Minority Leader Dennis Algieri wherein they state that they will be refraining from attending any meetings during the pendency of the litigation that you recently filed.

Based on the fact that the Senate members will not be attending, a meeting will not be called at this time.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Mattiello
Speaker of the House

K. Joseph Shekarchi
Majority Leader of the House

cc: Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio
Senate Minority Leader Dennis L. Algieri