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RE: Proposed Statement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, *Leases*

To Whom It May Concern:

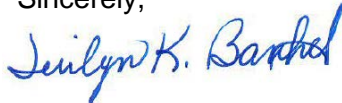
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The following is our response to the above-referenced exposure draft (ED) *Leases*.

We agree with the guidance proposed in the GASB Exposure Draft on *Leases*. However, we feel the ED could have been improved if the Board would have included some examples of various types of leases and the applicable accounting. An example of lease accounting for copiers or computers, which often find a large number of units included in one agreement, would be appropriate. Also, leases of construction equipment that often have buyout options at the end of the lease period would be most helpful. Our committee also discussed the need for a better understanding of situations when re-measurement is appropriate along with the actual accounting that applies in such situations.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the standard setting process.

Sincerely,



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