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**To:** Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director

**From:** Vincent W. Dinan, Commission Auditor

**Date:** January 16, 2013

**Subject:** Adjustments to Contribution Limits Based on Consumer Price Index as  
Mandated by PL 2009, Chapter 286

Public Law 2009, Chapter 286 requires that contribution limits for gubernatorial and other state and county candidates be adjusted based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) starting in December, 2010. Adjustments to the contribution limits shall be rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25.

The rate of inflation determined by the CPI for the period since 2009 aggregates to 6.34 percent. Accordingly, the adjusted value of the existing contribution limit of \$350 would be raised to \$372.19. Since the law requires that adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25, I recommend that the \$350 limit be raised to \$375.

In a related matter, I have not suggested adjustments to the gubernatorial limit of \$1,500 or the county and municipal limits of \$750 because the statute creating those limits were passed in 2011, and my reading of the enabling legislation indicates that the law provides for a CPI adjustment after two years has elapsed. Two years have not passed since the above limits were enacted, and I do not believe adjustments are warranted at this time.

The next adjustment for the legislative limit will take place in December, 2014, and for the gubernatorial, county, and municipal limits, in December, 2013.