

Love Letter to the Auditor

Dear Auditor,

Another year, another audit. You and your laptop left as swiftly as you came. Although I'm happy to get my broom closet, I mean, audit room back, I do miss the penetrating feel of your skeptical eye on everything I do. Each time I sign off on a reconciliation, I can already imagine you – six months later – scrutinizing my signature and date with those lovely furrowed brows.

You left me with lots of findings, and that hurts. (Both my feelings and my annual bonus.)

When you return, I vow to demonstrate my department's mastery of all the things you treasure, including:

- Proper Segregation of Duties
- Timely Completion and Sign-Off
- Availability of Supporting Documentation
- Evidence of Review

We're going to achieve this with the help of ART – our new close and reconciliation automation solution that helps my team work faster and better during the close while strengthening internal controls.

You are probably already aware of ART, since you seem to know everything. But if not, you can check out the company at: www.skystem.com

But I digress.

Bottom line: I WILL win over your disbelieving heart at our next closing meeting.

'Til we meet again.

Yours Truly,
The Corporate Controller