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Ms. Laurie Gill, Commissioner
Bureau of Human Resources
State Capitol Building
Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2014 Session

Dear Commissioner Gill:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your appropriation in the 2014 Legislative Session. As such, it supplements that appropriation with a specific policy guideline as approved on March 31, 2014.

While this guideline does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

The 2014 South Dakota Legislature approved an appropriation for one-time funding to create a state employee health insurance reserve through HB 1040. The sources of funding for the reserve are as follows:

General Funds	$1,145,433
Federal Fund Expenditure Authority	659,460
Other Fund Expenditure Authority	1,238,909
Total State Employee Health Insurance Reserve	$3,043,802

It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that the reserve funds be closely monitored by the Bureau of Human Resources and that periodic reports be made to the interim and standing appropriations committees. The reports shall be provided at any time the state employee health insurance fund is less than the amounts indicated above and at any such time as the Bureau deems necessary or is requested by the Committee or

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its staff. The reports should contain pertinent information related to the activities of the fund including, but not limited to, receipts, expenditures, beginning and ending fund balances, projected balances, and any other information as may be requested.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/S/ Senator Deb Peters

/S/ Representative Fred Romkema

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