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Mr. Darin Bergquist, Secretary
Department of Transportation
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Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2014 Session

Dear Secretary Bergquist:

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 a special general fund appropriation of $7,200,000 to the railroad trust fund through HB 1041. It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that approximately $1,200,000 be used to rehabilitate the railroad bridge spanning the Missouri River from Chamberlain to Oacoma, and approximately $6,000,000 be used to rehabilitate the state-owned rail line between Chamberlain and Presho.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/S/ Senator Deb Peters

/S/ Representative Fred Romkema

Senator Deb Peters
Co-Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

Representative Fred Romkema
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