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Mr. Pat Costello, Commissioner
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Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2014 Session

Dear Commissioner Costello:

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 appropriated $500,000 in general funds to the Governor's Office of Economic Development for the purpose of funding the Readiness and Environmental Protection and Integration (REPI) buffer program at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that the funds be used to recognize the value of Ellsworth and the financial impact it has to the state. The money will be matched 3:1 by REPI, a federal program that deals with sound concentric zones around an air base. The funds will allow the Ellsworth Authority to purchase non-compliant property and convert it to compliant property. It is further the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that quarterly progress reports regarding the receipt of matching funds be provided to the Committee.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/S/ Senator Deb Peters

/S/ Representative Fred Romkema

Senator Deb Peters
Co-Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

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