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Mr. Greg Sattizahn
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Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2014 Session

Dear Mr. Sattizahn:

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.

The 2014 South Dakota Legislature approved a $400,000 one-time appropriation in HB 1040 to the Unified Judicial System. It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that the Unified Judicial System will utilize this appropriation for certain Unified Judicial System and county costs incurred related to courthouse remodeling projects in Beadle, Meade, and Pennington counties in the amounts specified below.

It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that the funds be distributed as follows:

1) Beadle County	$ 52,370
2) Meade County	$ 45,450
3) Pennington County	$302,180

While this Letter of Intent does not have the force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislature-Judicial relationships in South Dakota and it will be

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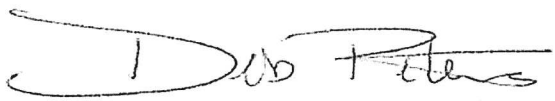
used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of the Judicial Branch and its continued funding.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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