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Tim Reisch, Secretary
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RE: Joint Committee on Appropriations Regarding FY2009 Appropriation

Dear Secretary Reisch:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your FY09 appropriation. As such, it supplements that appropriation with a specific policy guideline.

While the 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.

Specifically, it is the request of the Joint Committee that:

1. The 2009 Legislature passed HB 1178, providing special appropriations for the intensive methamphetamine treatment program in the women's state correctional system. In accordance with the adopted 2007 subcommittee report on Executive Branch Methamphetamine Treatment Programs, the participating departments should continue to provide written quarterly updates to the Appropriations Committee and its staff. The reports should include funding status and outcome progress and data for the IMT program. The updates should also include data regarding filled versus vacant FTEs by position type to keep the committee appraised on the difficulty of filling and retaining the assigned positions. Also, at each interim Appropriations meeting and during the 2009 Legislative Session the departments should be available to discuss these updates and answer questions.

In addition to the interim reports, it is also expected that you will be prepared to address this guideline in your FY10 budget presentation to the Joint Committee next January.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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