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Sandra Zinter, Commissioner
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RE: Joint Committee on Appropriations Regarding FY2009 Appropriation

Dear Commissioner Zinter:

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 Bureau of Personnel communicate with the South Dakota State Employees Organization information regarding the calculation of rates for the employee paid portion of the state employee's health insurance plan, prior to setting them for FY10 and in future years.

2. The Bureau of Personnel also communicate with the South Dakota State Employees Organization regarding any other proposed changes to the state employee's health insurance plan, which includes but is not limited to, plan deductibles, co-pay amounts, etc., for FY10 and in future years.

3. The communication regarding the above items should take place prior to the Governor's budget address for the FY10 budget, and in future years.

In addition to the above requests, 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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