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Otto Doll, Commissioner
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RE: Joint Committee on Appropriations Regarding FY2009 Appropriation

Dear Commissioner Doll:

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 Information and Telecommunications provide written quarterly reports on the Research, Education, and Economic Development (REED) Network project. The reports should include revised project timelines, budget status, and any other pertinent information.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Senator Gerald F. Apa
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