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Honorable Jerry Klein, Chairman
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Dear Senator Klein:

In response to the question raised during my testimony today about the amount of federal funds received to support the Commission's Coal Mining Reclamation Program, I can provide the following information.

For the 2009-2011 biennium, the budget for the Reclamation Division includes approximately \$1.5 million in federal dollars. This accounts for approximately 65% of the division's budget.

In addition, because North Dakota has an approved Reclamation Program, North Dakota can also have an Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) program that is fully federally funded. For the 2009-2011 biennium, the AML program budget, funded by federal dollars, is approximately \$6 million. We expect the 2001-2013 AML budget to be approximately \$8 million.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco".

Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
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