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Honorable Jeff Delzer
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Dear Representative Delzer:


This letter is sent to you in your capacity as chairman of the Legislative Management's interim Government Services Committee. I am expanding the committee's responsibilities to include a review and analysis of state budget-related information, including the following duties:

1. Monitor the status of state revenues and expenditures for the 2011-13 biennium.
2. Receive input from major state agencies regarding the status of their budgets and changes in federal funds.
3. Receive information from state agencies regarding estimated cost-to-continue items for the 2013-15 biennium.
4. Receive the July 2012 revised 2011-13 and the preliminary 2013-15 general fund revenue forecasts.
5. Review projected revenues, expenditures, and fund balances of major state funds.
6. Identify and prioritize potential one-time funding items for the 2013-15 biennium.
7. Discuss possible legislative initiatives affecting the budget, including initiatives to return excess revenues to taxpayers.
8. Identify key budget issues for the 2013 legislative session.
9. Determine, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, a sustainable level of spending for the 2013-15 biennium.
10. As appropriate, make recommendations to the Legislative Management.

I trust your committee can handle this increased responsibility and report its findings to the Legislative Management in November 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this additional committee responsibility.

Sincerely,


Representative Al Carlson
Chairman

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cc: Members of the Legislative Management
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