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The Hon. Lavon Heidemann
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
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Re: Impact of LBs 1, 2 and 3 of 2009 Special Session

Dear Senator Heidemann:

This is in response to your letter of December 4, 2009 requesting information on the effect of LBs 1, 2, and 3 on the Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

The budget reductions contained in those bills had the following impacts on my office:

- **Implementation of staff furloughs:** To date, all staff (44 positions) have taken two days (16 hours) of mandatory unpaid leave. Staff have been informed that additional furlough days will depend on results of the Revenue Forecasting Board's February 2010 meeting.
- **Loss of two positions:** During December 2009, two members of the staff resigned – their positions will remain vacant indefinitely because of insufficient funds to re-fill them. Both persons who resigned were experienced auditors who had passed the CPA examination and both have accepted positions with private CPA firms.
- **Additional Staff Reduction:** An experienced auditor who has passed the CPA examination has been informed that his position will be eliminated effective March 1, 2010 due to insufficient funding for the position.

With these actions, we hope to meet the FY 2010 and FY 2011 appropriation restrictions. Thank you for this opportunity to clarify how the legislation enacted during the special session impacted my office.

Sincerely,



Mike Foley
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cc: Members, Appropriations Committee
Mr. Scott Danigole
Mr. Dave Spatz