



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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Jeff Pierce
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Dear Mr. Pierce:

The Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations has scheduled a meeting for July 13, 2016, in LCR1, in the State Capitol.

The Committee requests that you be present on July 13, 2016, to provide information on emergency radio communications within the State of South Dakota. Specifically, the Committee would like information regarding underserved areas within the State and the number of people who do not have access to the statewide radio network. Please identify the priority areas that have been recognized by the South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council and how State Radio Communications plans to improve and expand coverage to these areas that are currently underserved. Lastly, the Committee requests an update on the timeline and progress of upgrading the radio system to Project 25.

If you have any questions, please contact Annie Mehlhaff with the Legislative Research Council at 773-3251.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/S/ Senator Deb Peters
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Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

/S/ Representative Justin Cronin
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cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Jason Dilges, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management