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Janson Hancock, Director  
Legislative Research Council  
State Capitol  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Director Hancock,

In accordance with South Dakota Codified Law § 49-31-53, the Department of Human Services is required to report annually to the South Dakota State Legislature on the status of the access fee charged to telephones, pagers, and cell phones in the State. I am hereby submitting the recommendation that the current \$.15 access fee is sufficient to continue the Telecommunications Relay Services Program and Captioned Telephone Relay Services, and I recommend that the fee stay the same. This recommendation is based on the following information: the number of lines and units that have been established and are assessed the access fee (Attachment 1), the number of minutes being utilized by the relay service in South Dakota (Attachment 2), and the revenues based on the State's Accounting System for deposit into the Telecommunication Fund for the Deaf (Attachment 3). The fund balance as of December 31, 2014 is \$3,504,260.20.

I request that you, as Director of the Legislative Research Council, pass this information along to the appropriate Legislators or Committees during this Legislative Session.

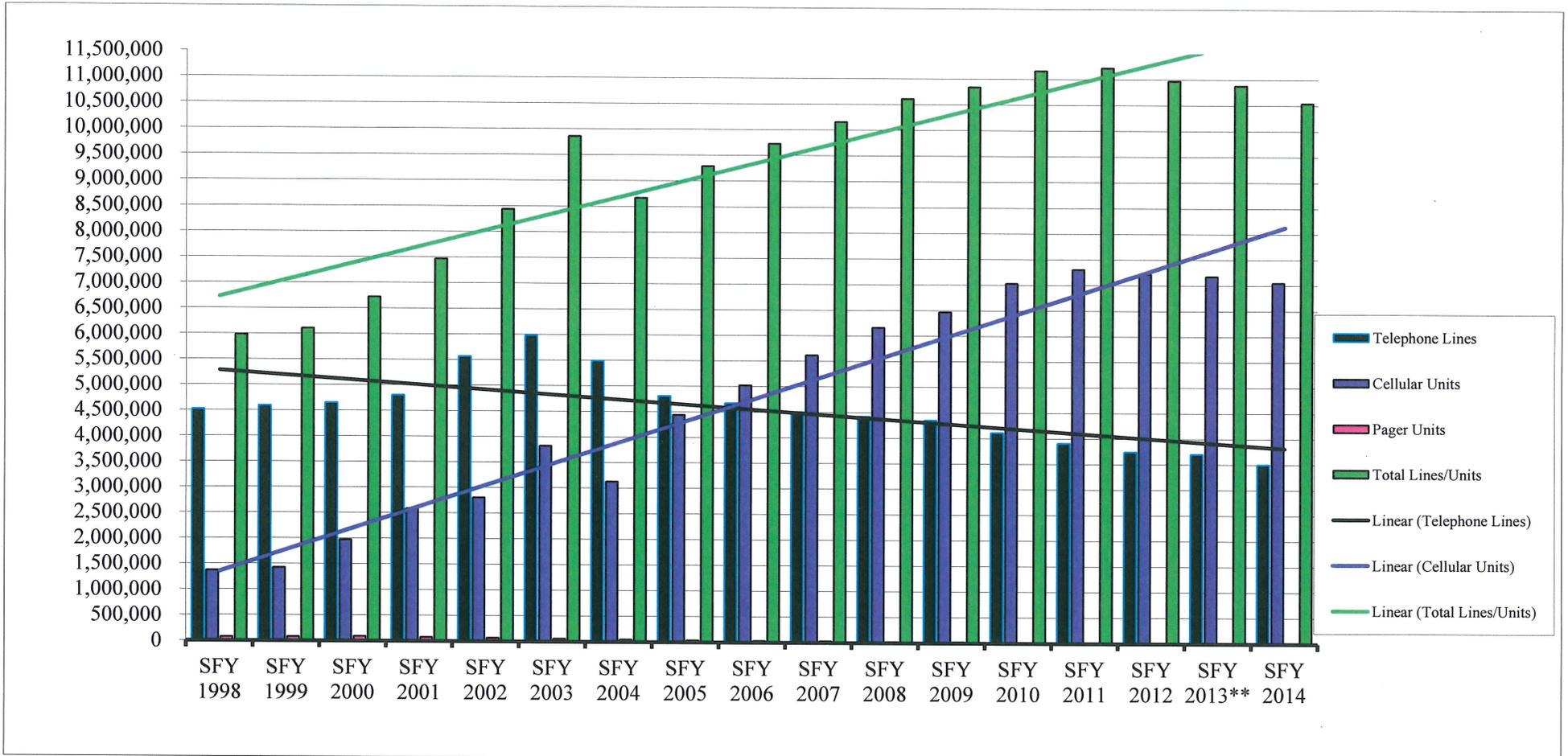
If you have further questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gloria Pearson", is written over a horizontal line.

Gloria Pearson  
Cabinet Secretary  
Department of Human Services

**SD Department of Human Services  
Telecommunication Relay Services  
Cumulative Number of Lines/Units per Annual Period, by Category Type (Attachment 1)**



## SOUTH DAKOTA TRS MINUTES (Attachment 2) SFY12 - SFY14

<b>TRS SFY12: 06/01/2011 - 5/31/2012</b>		<b>CapTel SFY12: 06/01/2011 - 5/31/2012</b>	
Month	Minutes	Month	Minutes
Jun	16,712	Jun	17,885
Jul	15,767	Jul	16,731
Aug	17,325	Aug	18,212
Sep	17,534	Sep	17,151
Oct	14,885	Oct	17,948
Nov	16,489	Nov	18,579
Dec	17,198	Dec	19,252
Jan	15,422	Jan	19,516
Feb	14,804	Feb	17,392
Mar	15,343	Mar	16,189
Apr	14,391	Apr	16,923
May	14,158	May	16,755
	<b>190,027</b>		<b>212,533</b>
<b>TRS SFY13: 06/01/2012 - 5/31/2013</b>		<b>CapTel SFY13: 06/01/2012 - 5/31/2013</b>	
Month	Minutes	Month	Minutes
Jun	11,217	Jun	18,339
Jul	13,576	Jul	20,165
Aug	12,543	Aug	20,429
Sep	10,196	Sep	19,408
Oct	10,816	Oct	18,264
Nov	12,270	Nov	17,204
Dec	11,796	Dec	19,765
Jan	11,145	Jan	20,488
Feb	10,338	Feb	18,238
Mar	10,858	Mar	18,284
Apr	10,830	Apr	19,396
May	9,691	May	17,806
	<b>135,276</b>		<b>227,786</b>
<b>TRS SFY14: 06/01/2013 - 5/31/2014</b>		<b>CapTel SFY14: 06/01/2013 - 5/31/2014</b>	
Month	Minutes	Month	Minutes
Jun	9,426	Jun	16,204
Jul	9,507	Jul	16,230
Aug	8,678	Aug	17,501
Sep	9,716	Sep	16,456
Oct	10,293	Oct	16,104
Nov	8,838	Nov	16,895
Dec	8,712	Dec	18,589
Jan	9,517	Jan	17,376
Feb	8,285	Feb	17,807
Mar	8,223	Mar	19,350
Apr	7,093	Apr	18,649
May	8,821	May	18,916
	<b>107,108</b>		<b>210,076</b>

**SD Department of Human Services  
Telecommunication Relay Services  
Revenues based on State's Accounting System (Attachment 3)**

