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Mr. Jason Ravnsborg, Attorney General
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Letter of Intent Regarding the Office of the Attorney General Lean Management Audit

Dear Mr. Ravnsborg:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) in approving your appropriation in the 2020 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on June 24, 2020.

While the guidance does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

It is the intent of the Committee to provide funding from the Legislative Priority Pilot Program Contingency Fund for the purpose of conducting a Lean audit of the Office of the Attorney General as the office sees fit. The objective of this audit may include identifying new performance measures for greater efficiency, improving the allocation of resources, and enhancing communication with legislators, state employees, and the public. The Lean audit and the use of the Legislative Priority Pilot Program Contingency Fund was utilized previously for similar audits of the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications, the Department of Labor and Regulation, the Bureau of Administration, and the Department of Corrections. In order for the JCA to proceed with this project, as per SDCL 4-8A-12, the Executive Board of the Legislature must approve by a majority vote the transfer and expenditure of these monies.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Representative Chris Karr
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

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Senator John Wiik
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Liza Clark, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management

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