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January 25, 2012

Representative Cheri Gerou
Chair, Joint Budget Committee
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Representative Gerou:

The SMART Act allows a committee of reference to make formal recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) regarding state departments' budgets, based on the committee's hearings with their assigned departments. The Senate Health and Human Services Committee met on January 25, 2012, to discuss recommendations to the JBC per the SMART Act. At its meeting, the committee made the following recommendation regarding the Department of Public Health and Environment's budget.

By a vote of 7 to 1, with one member excused, the committee voted to express support for the Department of Public Health and Environment's budget, but also expressed concern regarding the proposed cuts to suicide prevention services.

Sincerely,

Senator Betty Boyd, Chair
Senate Health and Human Services Committee

- c: Joint Budget Committee Members
- Senate Health and Human Services Committee Members
- Dr. Chris Urbina, Executive Director, Department of Public Health and Environment
- Eliza Park, Legislative Liaison, Department of Public Health and Environment
- John Ziegler, Staff Director, Joint Budget Committee
- Elizabeth Burger, Legislative Council Staff