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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 Human Service's budget.

By a vote of 7 to 1, with one member excused, the committee voted to express support for the Department of Human Service's budget, but also expressed concern regarding the department's R-3 decision item, which relates to funding for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program. The committee expressed concern that the cuts in funding to this program could have a negative impact on funding available for child welfare services, child care assistance, and child support services.

Sincerely,

Senator Betty Boyd, Chair
Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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