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The Honorable Jim Riesberg
 Chairman, Capital Development Committee
 State Capital Building Room 029
 Denver, CO 80203

The Honorable Moe Keller
 Chairman, Joint Budget Committee
 Colorado General Assembly
 200 E. 14th Avenue, Third Floor
 Legislative Services Building
 Denver, CO 80203

Re: OSPB Update to Capital Construction Freeze Exemptions

Dear Representative Riesberg and Senator Keller:

On January 15, 2009, the Governor announced his Budget Balancing Plan for FY 2008-09. Included in that plan were the impacts and estimate for two rounds of capital construction freezes. The Office of State Planning and Budgeting implemented an exemption process to ensure that the freeze avoided projects that were under construction, addressed urgent and critical life and safety issues, and ensured funding for legal obligations. That exemption process is now complete.

Please find attached the final decisions on the exemptions process (in column titled "Exemption Decision" as well as the final amounts that are recommended for deappropriation (in column titled: "Final Target Reduction"). The projects that requested exemptions are highlighted. We are recommending that the revised amounts be deappropriated in order to balance FY 2008-09.

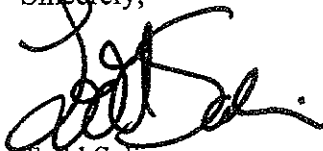
Original projects on freeze	73	
New volunteered reductions	7	
Requested exemptions	34	
Original Target Reduction	\$93,339,006	
Revised Reduction	\$76,075,442	82% of Original Reduction

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OSPB will need to update the General Fund transfer recommendation from what was submitted on January 27, 2009, including the transfer to the Higher Education Maintenance and Reserve Fund. This will be provided to the Committees next week.

Please contact me or Lisa Esgar at (303) 866-3024 or lisa.esgar@state.co.us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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