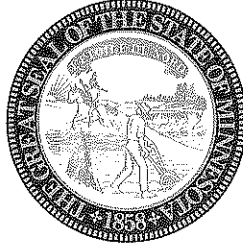


**Kurt Zellers**  
State Representative  
Speaker of the House

District 32B  
Hennepin County



# Minnesota House of Representatives

April 19, 2010

Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Mark Dayton  
Governor  
130 State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

As a follow-up to our breakfast meeting this morning, I want to reiterate the House's position regarding the State Government Budget bill and the fiscal note process.

Last week, I gave instructions to House staff to set up a meeting with Minnesota Management & Budget ("MMB") to discuss the state government reform initiatives included in the House State Government Budget bill. A meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 15, however, on April 13, House staff received an e-mail from MMB canceling the meeting. Since this cancellation, MMB has not re-scheduled a meeting on this issue. See attachment, e-mail message dated April 13, 2011 from Katharine Barondeau to House staff.

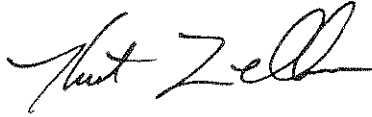
As part of the development of the State Government Budget bill, House staff and members relied upon information from other states, executive branch agencies and private sector experts in calculating the savings and costs of various state government reform initiatives. As stated earlier, I understand the reluctance of state employees in moving forward with these initiatives. However, the House believes the reforms included in the State Government Budget bill are necessary in moving Minnesota forward and delivering cost-effective government services that taxpayers rightfully expect and deserve from us.

The Minnesota Legislature reviews every fiscal note received and staff work with members in determining the legitimacy of the fiscal notes. As we stated this morning, there are times when fiscal notes do not accurately reflect the underlying legislation. In those cases, the Minnesota Legislature will adjust the numbers or legislation. Fiscal notes have been, and will continue to be, advisory to the legislative branch. We will continue using this past practice and precedent as we negotiate budget bills.



House members and staff are willing to meet with MMB in order to find consensus regarding the state government reform initiatives and the accompanying fiscal notes produced by MMB. MMB staff is welcome to meet with House staff and members in better understanding the reform initiatives we have put forth in the State Government Budget bill. I urge you to encourage your staff to work with the Minnesota Legislature so that we can complete session by May 23, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Zellers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kurt" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Zellers".

Kurt Zellers  
Speaker of the House

Enclosure

cc: Amy Koch, Senate Majority Leader  
Mary Liz Holberg, Chairwoman of House Ways and Means Committee  
Morrie Lanning, Chairman of House State Government Finance

**From:** Joe Marble  
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Hi everyone-

The meeting that was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011, to discuss the fiscal notes for the RFP initiatives related to strategic sourcing (SF 908/HF 1234), fleet management, and state building efficiencies (SF 907) is on hold pending additional discussions. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. In the interim, please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns about these fiscal notes. I'll be forwarding a cancellation notice for the meeting soon.

Thanks,  
Katharine

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