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Doug Porter
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Dear Doug:

Thank you for your hard work on the across-the-board cuts and the various proposals for the supplemental and 2011-13 budgets. All of the options are difficult but you and your staff have done a good job of providing me with alternatives.

I understand the difficulty in implementing some of these reductions in a timely manner. With that in mind, I request that you delay the elimination of the state funding for medical interpreters until March 1, 2011, rather than the proposed January 1st date. I know that you and your staff have been working with my office and the interpreters on implementing the new law in this area that passed last session. This program may well need to be eliminated but I believe we should continue to work on alternatives and delay the elimination date to allow the Legislature to also address the issues you have been working on in this regard.

I understand that this delay will mean \$1.1 million less in assumed savings. I will work with you and OFM to make up this loss. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Chris".

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

cc: Marty Brown, Director, Office of Financial Management

