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The Honorable Ken Ard
President of the Senate
Statehouse, First Floor, East Wing
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Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate,

First and foremost, thank you for all of your hard work on H.3066, the Department of Administration bill. Today, I hope you will stay, finish the job, and complete the greatest effort of reform and restructuring we have seen in decades. Several of you have asked my position on amendments that remain to be debated, so below are those amendments I would like to see passed and included in the Department of Administration.

I ask that you adopt Senator Campbell's Amendment 107, which would leave the Materials Management Office and the Office of State Engineer together under the Procurement Oversight Board while returning IT and IT procurement to the Department of Administration. Although we would prefer that the Department of Administration support all procurement activities, it is critical to at least include all of IT – both itself and its procurement – together under one agency.

I also ask you to adopt Senator Larry Martin's amendments to clarify responsibilities for procurement reporting, establish a strategic sourcing initiative, and to direct agencies to provide suggestions to improve our purchasing practices. These amendments will improve transparency and push state government to take a more business-like approach to procurement.

Additionally, I ask that you adopt Senator Massey's amendment that addresses some of the separation of powers issues discussed during prior debate. This amendment recognizes that the legislative authority to appropriate should be separated from executive responsibility for procurement, in which the Comptroller General and Treasurer would continue to play a role.

Finally, I urge you to oppose any efforts to attach unrelated provisions to this bill. Again, thank you for your hard work to move our state forward towards good government reform.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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