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To: Dan Villa
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RE: Legislative Branch Voluntary Budget Reductions

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us regarding your proposed Executive Branch expenditure reductions and request for similar reductions from the Legislative Branch.

The Legislative Branch is currently evaluating program budgets and determining the impacts of various levels of expenditure reductions. When the Governor determines the final reductions for Executive Branch agencies, the Legislative Branch will finalize our analysis. After that, the Legislative Council, the Legislative Finance Committee and the Legislative Audit Committee will authorize staff to reduce expenditures. For your planning purposes, the Legislative Branch intends to reduce general fund expenditures by the same percentage as the average Executive Branch agency expenditure reduction.

C: Senator Fred Thomas, Chair Legislative Council
Senator Mary McNally, Chair Legislative Audit Committee
Representative Ballance, Chair Legislative Finance Committee