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The Honorable Representative Millie Hamner
Chair, Joint Budget Committee
Colorado General Assembly
200 E. 14th Avenue, Third Floor
Legislative Services Building
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Hamner:

With the new forecast published today, Governor Hickenlooper is requesting the following amendments to recent budget requests as they relate to transportation and education appropriations from the General Fund in FY 2018-19. The new forecast indicates that there will be a one-time \$548 million in excess of the proposed required reserve of 8.0 percent in the General Fund.

FY 2018-19

With respect to transportation, our original request of \$248 million is now replaced with a total of \$500 million.

With respect to education, we maintain our original request to reduce the budget stabilization factor by \$100 million, but also to transfer an additional \$200 million to the State Education Fund for potential allocation but also as an offset to future drops in local share property taxes.

With these allocations, which should be viewed as one-time in nature, this leaves an additional \$96 million for other pressing legislative issues that are under discussion. We look forward to working with you on whether this sum should be considered one-time as well, but know there are many issues in front of the committee at this time with requests for funding not in the budget request.

FY 2019-20

For FY 2019-20, the General Fund revenue forecast was approximately \$300 million above the December 2017 projection. The Governor is requesting the following allocations:

- Transportation: \$150 million
- K-12 Education: \$100 million to the State Education Fund
- Water Infrastructure: \$15 million



- State Buildings: \$15 million for controlled maintenance or capital renewal
- Affordable Housing: \$10 million
- Broadband: \$10 million

We look forward to working with you on these issues in the coming weeks. As always, if you have questions about this letter or our budget request in general, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 303-866-3317.

Sincerely,



Henry Sobanet
Director

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