



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

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The Honorable Dave Hunt
Speaker of the House
H269 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Speaker Hunt:

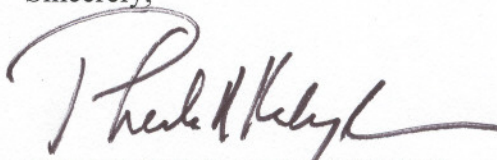
Thank you for your letter.

I continue to support the proposal for balancing the 07-09 budget that the co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee released on May 18 in a document called "Moving Forward Together."

As it relates to the 09-11 budget, I strongly urge legislative leadership to return to the original K-12 proposal from the co-chairs plan last month. The co-chairs' budget made targeted investments in K-12 education, while maintaining a reserve fund of more than \$700 million.

As I said in my letter earlier today, I believe the legislature must take a long-term approach to the 09-11 budget. I urge you again to see beyond this legislative session and anticipate what our revenue situation will be when you reconvene in 2010.

Sincerely,



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

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