

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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December 4, 2009

Senator Richard Cohen
121 State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Representative Lyndon Carlson
479 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Representative Loren Solberg
443 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Senator Cohen, Representative Carlson, and Representative Solberg:

Thank you for your letter of December 3 and your willingness to work quickly to resolve the projected budget deficit.

My administration is developing a range of options to address the estimated \$1.2 billion shortfall in the current biennium for legislative consideration without raising taxes. Our proposal will ask you to consider:


- Protecting funding for our veterans, military, and core public safety activities.
- Reductions in other areas of spending to achieve the needed \$1.2 billion cutback.

We invite your participation in this effort to find a collaborative solution.

I have asked Commissioner Tom Hanson and Chris DeLaForest of my office to contact you directly to discuss the development of a joint solution to the deficit.

Again, thank you for your willingness to address this issue.

Sincerely,


Tim Pawlenty
Governor

c: Commissioner Tom Hanson, Minnesota Management and Budget

