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Please see attached. Thanks,

-John

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June 5, 2017

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Dear Mr. Schumacher:

I am submitting this contingency plan for the Office of Lieutenant Governor pursuant to your memorandum of April 25, 2017 regarding contingency planning for state agency operations on July 1 in the event an operating budget is not enacted by the end of the current biennium.

The Office of Lieutenant Governor does not receive funding from appropriations in the enacted transportation budget or use funds that do not require an appropriation.

As lieutenant governor, I have two key constitutionally-mandated duties: (1) Acting as governor when the governor is out of the state or otherwise unable to act as governor (Constitution, Article III, Section 10; RCW 43.06.040); and (2) serving as president of the senate (Constitution, Article II, Section 10 and Article III, Section 16). I cannot serve as president of the senate when serving as acting governor (Constitution, Article II, Section 10), so I would only be constitutionally mandated to perform one of these two duties at any given time.

In the event an operating budget is not enacted by the end of the biennium, I expect that I am more likely to be serving as president of the senate than as acting governor. To perform my constitutionally-mandated duties as president of the senate, I require two staff members – one to provide substantive staffing support in carrying out my presiding and parliamentary duties, and one to provide administrative and logistical support as a disability accommodation. If I am called upon to serve as acting governor instead of president of the senate, I would use these same two staff members to provide similar support and coordinate with the governor's staff.

My office does not provide services necessary for immediate response to issues of public safety or to avoid catastrophic loss of state property unless I am serving as acting governor.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Cyrus Habib*

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