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Daniel Schooff, Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Administration  
101 E. Wilson Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
HAND DELIVERED

Dear Secretary Schooff:

I am looking forward to a smooth and orderly transition from Gov. Doyle's Administration to mine. Since Election Day, I have appreciated the governor's and your gracious cooperation and the cooperation of your staff as I have established my transition office.

As I prepare to govern, I respectfully ask the Doyle Administration to consider the following requests:

1. **Federal Health Care Implementation.** As you are no doubt aware, I have pledged that one of my first acts as governor will be to authorize the Attorney General to join other states in suing the federal government to opt-out of the new federal health care law. Even as the lawsuit is considered by our judicial system, it is clear that the federal law will affect Wisconsin's management of our Medical Assistance programs. I ask that the Doyle Administration temporarily freeze any new implementation of the federal health care law, including the establishment of exchanges, until after January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. **State Employee Contracts.** I understand that the state employee bargaining units are still negotiating their 2009-11 contracts with the Office of State Employee Relations. Given the state's fiscal situation, I ask that all contract negotiations be suspended until after January 3<sup>rd</sup> so that they may be considered in the context of the 2011-13 State Budget.
3. **Permanent Hires.** I see no reason to finalize any permanent civil service personnel during the final two months of an administration. In the past, it has been common practice for political appointees to use this time to "bump down" into permanent civil service positions. I believe these appointees should be required to go through the same application process as any other civil servants and my Administration will review any

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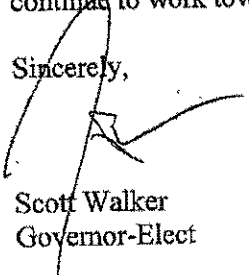
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new permanent hires during the next two months so they can be considered for termination during the probationary period.

4. **Charter Street Power Plant.** According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the state could save up to \$100 million by installing a natural gas boiler rather than the planned bio-fuel boiler. Media reports indicate that natural gas actually scored the highest overall when judged on environmental, economic and reliability grounds. Because Wisconsin can both save money and still meet environmental benchmarks, I ask that the Doyle Administration begin making plans to shift to natural gas rather than bio-fuel at the Charter Street Power Plant.
  
5. **Administrative Rules.** I ask that your Administration delay the promulgation of any new, or updated, administrative rules until after January 3<sup>rd</sup>. I feel strongly that if new or updated rules were urgently needed, they would have been completed prior to now. Reworking hastily implemented administrative rules may have a serious negative impact on Wisconsin's ability to retain, expand and recruit jobs to Wisconsin. I ask that all administrative rules under review remain at the agency preparing them until my Administration is in place.

There are a variety of other items that my transition team will be in communication with Gov. Doyle, you and your staff. I am confident we can find common ground on my five requests and continue to work towards an orderly transition.

Sincerely,

  
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