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The Honorable Ben Harbin, Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Georgia House of Representatives  
245 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable Jack Hill, Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Georgia State Senate  
234 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Chairmen:

The Amended Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Report as presented to the General Assembly includes a revenue estimate of \$19,203,246,010. Due to anticipated revenue decline I am adjusting my Amended Fiscal Year 2009 recommendations by \$449,546,479. This includes a revenue estimate adjustment from \$19,203,246,010 to \$18,903,699,531, reducing state general funds in the amount of \$299,546,479 and recognizing the use of \$150,000,000 from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve, originally included in my FY 2010 appropriations. I will address the FY 2010 budget adjustments in a subsequent communication.

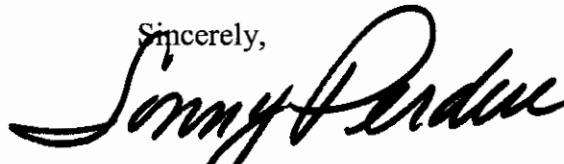
In order to meet this revenue reduction, I recommend the following adjustments to my Amended Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Report:

1. Adjust the State Health Benefit Plan employer contribution rate from 1.96% to 0%. (\$114,803,838)
2. Reduce debt service from the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund as a result of savings from the recent bond sale. (\$10,563,379)
3. Recognize additional Federal Medical Assistance Percentage funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. (\$465,272,130)
4. Eliminate funding for Local Assistance Grants. (\$6,000,000)
5. Provide funding for the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant \$428,290,501
6. Reduce my recommendations for State Agencies Budgets by the following amounts:

Accounting Office, State	(\$44,720)
Administrative Services, Department of	(78,757)
Agriculture, Department of	(208,145)

Community Affairs, Department of	(268,975)
Community Health, Department of	(1,762,558)
Defense, Department of	(102,663)
Driver Services, Department of	(559,653)
Early Care and Learning, Bright from the Start: Department of	(38,253)
Economic Development, Department of	(324,641)
Education, Department of	(98,751,469)
Forestry Commission, State	(335,626)
Governor, Office of the	(465,599)
Human Resources, Department of	(97,511)
Insurance, Office of Commissioner of	(168,221)
Investigation, Georgia Bureau of	(3,776)
Labor, Department of	(486,095)
Law, Department of	(172,238)
Natural Resources, Department of	(422,990)
Public Defender Standards Council, Georgia	(358,448)
Public Safety, Department of	(150,278)
Public Service Commission	(90,609)
Regents, Board of	(20,388,043)
Secretary of State	(350,140)
Soil and Water Conservation Commission	(29,859)
Student Finance Commission, Georgia	(7,356)
Technical College System of Georgia	(2,542,352)
Transportation, Department of	(250,728)
Georgia Senate	(130,748)
Georgia House of Representatives	(227,651)
Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices	(120,190)
Audits and Accounts, Department of	(404,734)
Court of Appeals	(159,745)
Judicial Council	(181,110)
Juvenile Courts	(79,370)
Prosecuting Attorneys	(635,156)
Superior Courts	(702,980)
Supreme Court	(96,246)
Total	<u>(\$131,197,633)</u>

Sincerely,



Sonny Perdue

C: The Honorable Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor  
The Honorable Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the House of Representatives