



**Joint Committee on Appropriations**  
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Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, Interim Secretary  
Department of Agriculture  
523 E. Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

**Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2016 Session**

Dear Interim Secretary Oedekoven:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your fee increase in the 2016 Legislative Session. As such, it supplements that legislation with a specific policy guideline as approved on March 29, 2016.

While the guideline does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency.

The 2016 South Dakota Legislature approved Senate Bill 16, An Act to establish a fee for a nursery license and to increase fees for nursery inspection. It is the intent of the Joint Committee on Appropriations that the Department of Agriculture make a public report of the inspections.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/S/ Senator Deb Peters

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cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General  
Jason Dilges, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management