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Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2014 Session

Dear Dr. Warner:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your appropriation in the 2014 Legislative Session. As such, it supplements that appropriation with a specific policy guideline as approved on March 31, 2014.

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

The 2014 South Dakota Legislature appropriated $464,000 in general funds to the Board of Regents through SB 53 for the purpose of funding shale research at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that the Board of Regents provides information to the Committee on the specific nature of the research activity, as well as the detailed budget narrative by June 1, 2014. In addition, this report should also include performance goals and measures related to this research.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/S/ Senator Deb Peters

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Co-Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

/S/ Representative Fred Romkema

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