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Pat Sullivan, Director
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RE: Budget Reductions for Fiscal Year 2025

Director Sullivan,

We have received your recent communications about potential budget reductions. Although we are a separately elected agency, we recognize our shared interests in collaborating with you to help the State meet its fiduciary obligations.

After reviewing our appropriations, we are proposing a reduction of expenditures of approximately \$2M GF-S in the current fiscal year.

It is worth noting that we have a very limited amount of general funds within our budget. Those funds are primarily dedicated to support our criminal justice division for critical activities such as support for our Sexually Violent Predator Unit, our Homicide Investigative Tracking system, and similar efforts. We do have programs within our Policy Division that have been created in recent years by the legislature for programmatic measures. We are looking to identify savings opportunities within these programs. I mention these activities because, although we feel comfortable being able to reach the \$2M reduction figure in the current year, it will take a careful analysis in order to avoid impacts to our critical criminal justice services. For that reason we are requesting some additional time to get you specific details of this current-year proposal as well as considering changes moving forward to potentially achieve savings in future years.

Thank you,

MARK MELROY
Chief Financial Officer

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