



Senate of Pennsylvania

October 14, 2009

The Honorable Keith McCall
Speaker
House of Representatives
139 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Budget-Related Legislation

Dear Speaker McCall:

We urge you to reconvene the House as soon as possible to take action on unfinished budget-related legislation, including non-preferred appropriations, gaming reforms, and the authorization of table games.

The Senate has already approved two gaming reform bills and sent them to the House for its consideration: Senate Bill 711 on July 7 and Senate Bill 1088 on October 9. The Senate also has approved a bill to authorize table games, Senate Bill 1033 on October 9. Unfortunately, the House has not sent any of these bills to the Governor or returned them to the Senate with amendments.

The non-preferred appropriations bills represent \$730 million. There is simply no good reason to withhold this critical funding. This is especially true for funding related to Temple University, the University of Pittsburgh, Lincoln University, and Pennsylvania State University.

These non-preferred appropriation bills can be enacted into law based on current revenues, even without the \$200 million anticipated from table games. The Governor's Official General Fund Revenue Re-Estimate of October 9 (copy enclosed) projects a sizeable year-end surplus - far exceeding the \$200 million not yet realized due to the delay in authorizing table games.

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To the extent the House believes table games legislation may be necessary to fund some portion of the non-preferred appropriations bills, there is no reason to delay passage of non-preferred appropriations bills totaling more than \$200 million.

If the House does not return to session until November 9, it will have been a full month since the General Appropriations Act was signed by the Governor, then 101 days late. Any further delay in finishing the remaining budget-related legislation is completely unjustified.

The Senate is currently scheduled to be in session on Monday, October 19, and Tuesday, October 20. The Senate will return to session immediately upon the House taking action on these critical, budget-related bills. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Joe Scarnati



Dominic Pileggi

Enclosure

cc: All Republican Senators

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

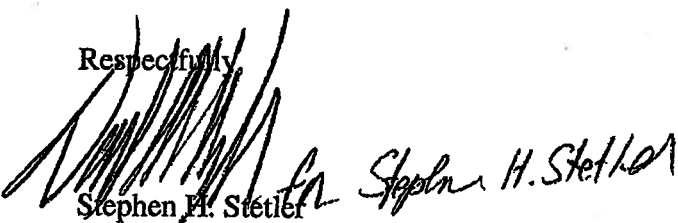
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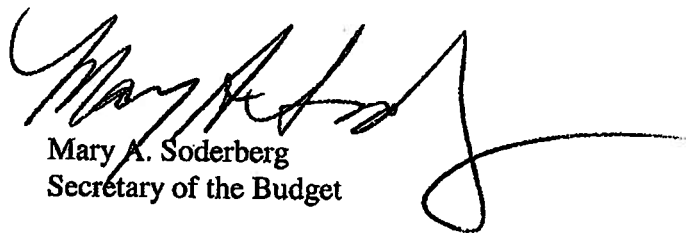
Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

We hereby certify that unrestricted State revenue to be received and deposited in the General Fund of the State Treasury during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 is re-estimated to be \$28,568,700,000. This re-estimate increases estimated receipts for various tax and non-tax revenue categories based on the enactment of final Fiscal Year 2009-10 General Fund Budget and other associated bills. Detailed estimates for revenue sources are shown in the accompanying table. This certification is in accordance with existing statutes.

Respectfully,


Stephen H. Stetler
Secretary of Revenue


Mary A. Soderberg
Secretary of the Budget

APPROVED:



Edward G. Rendell
Governor

Attachment

2009-2010
OFFICIAL GENERAL FUND
REVENUE RE-ESTIMATE

TAX REVENUE

Corporation Taxes:

Corporate Net Income	\$ 1,877,500,000
Capital Stock and Franchise	965,100,000
Selective Business:	
Gross Receipts	1,477,600,000
Utility Property	48,000,000
Insurance Premiums	508,700,000
Financial Institutions	197,500,000
Other	15,000,000
Total - Corporation Taxes	<u>\$ 5,089,400,000</u>

Consumption Taxes:

Sales and Use	\$ 8,391,300,000
Cigarette	920,400,000
Malt Beverage	26,000,000
Liquor	279,100,000
Total - Consumption Taxes	<u>\$ 9,616,800,000</u>

Other Taxes:

Personal Income	\$ 10,277,000,000
Realty Transfer	272,100,000
Inheritance	772,200,000
Table Games	-
Minor and Repealed	8,700,000
Total - Other Taxes	<u>\$ 11,330,000,000</u>
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	<u>\$ 26,036,200,000</u>

NON-TAX REVENUE

Liquor Store Transfer	\$ 105,000,000
Licenses, Fees & Miscellaneous:	
Licenses and Fees	120,900,000
Miscellaneous	2,287,100,000
Fines, Penalties and Interest:	
On Taxes	17,000,000
Other	2,500,000
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE	<u>\$ 2,532,500,000</u>
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$ 28,568,700,000</u>

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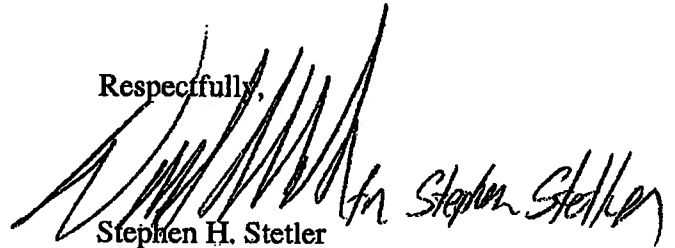
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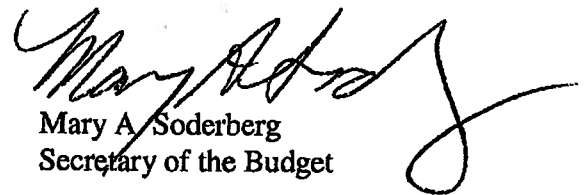
Dear Governor Rendell:

We hereby certify that unrestricted State revenue to be received and deposited in the Motor License Fund of the State Treasury during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, is re-estimated to be \$2,636,060,000. Detailed estimates for revenue sources are shown in the accompanying table. This certification is in accordance with existing statutes.

Respectfully,



Stephen H. Stetler
Secretary of Revenue



Mary A. Soderberg
Secretary of the Budget

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2009-2010
OFFICIAL MOTOR LICENSE FUND
REVENUE RE-ESTIMATE

Liquid Fuels Taxes	\$1,198,780,000
Licenses and Fees	854,400,000
Other Motor Fund Revenues	<u>582,880,000</u>
Total Motor License Fund	<u>\$2,636,060,000</u>

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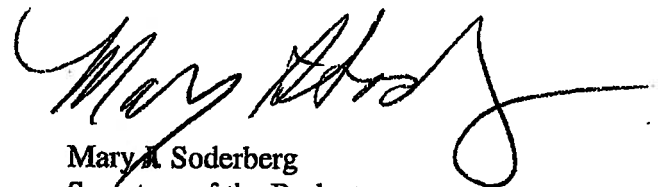
Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

We hereby certify that Federal revenue to be received and deposited in the General Fund of the State Treasury during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, is re-estimated to be \$23,910,065,000. This certification is in accordance with existing statutes.

Respectfully,


Stephen H. Stetler *for Stephen Stetler*
Secretary of Revenue


Mary A. Soderberg
Secretary of the Budget

APPROVED:


Edward G. Rendell
Governor