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February 9, 2010

The Honorable Rob Mayer  
Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
Missouri State Senate  
201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 422  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

The Honorable Allen Icet  
Chairman  
Budget Committee  
Missouri House of Representatives  
201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 306  
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Dear Chairman Mayer and Chairman Icet,

As always, I pay close attention to what is happening in Missouri and Jefferson City. I have noticed that you and many of your colleagues have been highly critical of some of the emergency spending that has gone on since the financial meltdown in September of 2008. As someone who has fought a sometimes lonely battle against bad spending habits in Washington, I certainly understand your sentiment.

However, as I consider your suggestions, especially regarding the stimulus program, I need additional information.

You are about to use almost a billion dollars in stimulus dollars in your current budgeting process. Please advise me as soon as possible what cuts you would recommend to your committees and the rest of the legislature to make up for these funds if we decided to rescind the unspent stimulus funds.

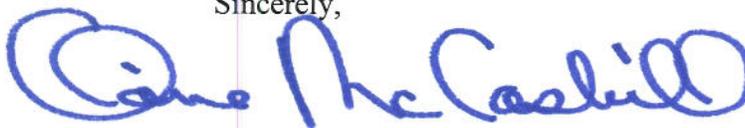
It would also be helpful to know what funds would be available for highway improvement and construction without the current and future stimulus money.

I'm aware that you will have spent \$1.5 billion of stimulus funds by July. How was that money allocated? Did it go to education, economic development, corrections, or other needs of the state? I'm also aware that you are spending \$625 million of additional highway and transportation money that comes from the stimulus.

Washington doesn't know best. That's why two-thirds of the stimulus money has gone to the states, tax cuts, and unemployment and COBRA benefits. If you want us to rescind the remaining money which you will spend this year and next, please let me know how Missourians will be hurt, so I can make an informed decision.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request. Time is of the essence.

Sincerely,



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