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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear State Representative Bradley:

Thank you for your letter of July 22, 2015. Of the 29 pages of enclosures you provided, 27 pages were sourced to the Comptroller's online database of state employee salaries known as the "Ledger." I am pleased you were able to access this publicly available information utilizing the step-by-step instructions we provided in our July 15, 2015 correspondence.

The last page of your enclosures appears to be taken from a previously discredited memorandum distributed several weeks ago. It continues to show factually inaccurate information, including incorrect salary figures, listing employees who no longer work in the Governor's Office and conflating personal service contracts with salaried intergovernmental agreement employees.

With respect to negotiating over the Governor's Turnaround Agenda, I was disappointed you opted for partisanship last week and refused to meet for a second time in two weeks. For the third time, I'd like to extend you an invitation to embrace compromise and reject partisanship by meeting with our Administration to negotiate in good faith over much-needed reforms to grow the Southern Illinois economy, create jobs in Southern Illinois and produce a balanced budget.

Southern Illinois families deserve better than a partisan attempt to force a tax increase without a single common-sense job creating reform. With respect to your comments on the Turnaround Agenda, you of all people know the truth of how far the Governor has already compromised.

- The Governor originally proposed a total repeal of the state's prevailing wage law. Based on feedback from you and other members of the General Assembly, the Governor introduced compromise legislation to keep the prevailing wage for all state projects and provide local governments with local control over prevailing wage inside their communities. Under the Governor's compromise proposal, any local government that wants to keep the prevailing wage can do so. At the same time, any local government in which taxpayers want local control of construction costs to help lower property taxes would have that option too. **State Representative, you cannot deny that Southern Illinois communities should have the right to local control over their construction costs. We have offered compromise here – where is yours?**

- The Governor originally proposed allowing local units of government to exclude a set list of subjects from local contract negotiations. Based on feedback from members of both sides of the aisle, the Governor introduced compromise legislation to provide maximum local control for all subjects in local contract negotiations. Under the Governor's compromise proposal, any local government that wants to negotiate over all subjects in contract talks can do so. At the same time, any local government in which taxpayers want local control of contracting costs to help lower property taxes would be able to choose subjects over which to negotiate. **State Representative, you cannot deny that Southern Illinois communities should have the right to local control over contracting costs. We have offered compromise here – where is yours?**
- The Governor originally proposed workers' compensation reform that raised the causation standard without making exceptions for repetitive injuries. Based on feedback from members of both sides of the aisle, the Governor introduced compromise legislation that provided exceptions for repetitive injury cases, narrowed the scope of other provisions related to traveling employees, clarified a provision related to medical bills paid and went even further to add pro-labor reforms requested by senior Democratic leaders, including establishing a workers' compensation ombudsman and modernizing the Workers' Compensation Commission's IT systems. **State Representative, you cannot deny that many Southern Illinois businesses are not competitive today because of high workers' compensation costs. We have offered compromise here – where is yours?**
- The Governor originally proposed lawsuit reform that included the repeal of a law passed during last year's veto session to reduce the size of a civil jury from 12 to 6. Based on feedback from members of both sides of the aisle, the Governor introduced compromise legislation that removed this provision. **State Representative, you cannot deny that lawsuit reform would make Southern Illinois businesses more competitive. We have offered compromise here – where is yours?**

State Representative, we appear to have very different understandings of compromise. Holding sham hearings to rehash questions already answered in another committee is not a step toward compromise. Rejecting every compromise proposal put forward by the Governor and instead attempting to force a massive tax hike without any reform are also not steps toward compromise.

The Governor, on the other hand, has offered two sets of compromise legislation to try to reach a bipartisan agreement. He has unilaterally taken items off the table. He has listened to Democratic leaders and incorporated their ideas. If you are sincere in your desire to help the Southern Illinois economy grow and achieve a balanced budget, I urge you to cancel your sham hearing and instead negotiate with us later today at 11:30 a.m. in the Governor's Office.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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