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Dear Ms. Benson:

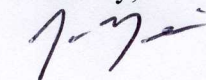
Last week I had the opportunity to see a demo of the state's new budget website portal required by SB 6818 of the 2008 Session. I came away very impressed with the design and functionality of the site. The initial plans are to link from the budget website (<http://fiscal.wa.gov>) to the GMAP website for details on agency performance.

To help maximize the amount and usability of information available to citizens, I am hopeful that the GMAP website will utilize a database similar to that of the new budget website.

As evidenced by the awards won by the GMAP program, you and your staff continue to do impressive work. I believe that now is the time to help make the results of the GMAP effort more transparent and accessible to Washingtonians by revamping the GMAP website to mirror the functionality of the new LEAP budget website.

The Washington Policy Center and I look forward to continuing to work with you to help advance improved government accountability. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance with your efforts.

Sincerely,



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