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Director Victor Moore Office of Financial Management P.O. Box 43113 Olympia, WA 98504-3113

Dear Director Moore:

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 (<a href="http://fiscal.wa.gov">http://fiscal.wa.gov</a>) to the OFM website for details on agency activities and performance, as well as for details on agency personal service contracts.

I have also been greatly impressed by the work done to date by Jeffrey Showman on the OFM performance website. While not taking away from the progress that has been already achieved by OFM, I am hopeful that the OFM agency performance and personal service contracts websites can be enhanced to utilize the same type of database functionality as the new LEAP budget website.

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

Sincerely,

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