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Senator Ron Latz
303 State Capitol
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Representative Debra Hilstrom
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Dear Senator Latz and Representative Hilstrom:

The purpose of this correspondence is to report to you the funding allocations made by the Board of Public Defense as outlined in Laws of Minnesota Chapter 86 Article 1 Section 10.

As you may recall the base budget for the Board of Public Defense was \$67,876,000. The appropriation for fiscal year 2014 is \$70,698,000 and for fiscal year 2015 is \$73,612,000. Total new funding for the biennium is \$2,822,000 for 2014 and \$5,736,000 for 2015.

The chart below outlines the Board's allocation for the new funding. The "Public Defense Corporation Funding" item is identical to the Board's request for new funding for the Corporations. The "IT Staffing" is identical to the Board's request for new funding for IT staff. The "Transcript-Appeals" item is an increase in the budget for transcripts in the Appellate Office. This increase will hopefully clear up or at least reduce the delay in getting payments to court reporters. The item "Salary Increases" reflects a 3% salary increase for employees for each year of the biennium. The item "Staffing for Caseload Reduction" reflects a board approved increase in attorney staffing of twenty-five full time equivalent positions. These positions are being phased in during 2014.

	<u>F.Y. 2014</u>	<u>F.Y. 2015</u>
2014-2015 Appropriation	\$70,698,000	\$73,612,000
Base Budget	\$67,876,000	\$67,876,000
Additional Appropriation	\$2,822,000	\$5,736,000
Public Defense Corporation Funding	\$80,000	\$80,000
IT Staffing	\$387,000	\$580,000
Transcripts- Appeals	\$200,000	\$200,000
Salary Increases	\$1,218,000	\$2,472,000
Staffing for Caseload Reduction	\$937,000	\$2,404,000
Total	\$2,822,000	\$5,736,000

If you have any questions or are in need of any further explanation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kajer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Kajer
Chief Administrator

Cc Senator Warren Limmer
Representative Steve Drazkowski
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