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Ms. Barbara Kelley  
Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Kelley:

As we begin preparing for the 2012 legislative session, we want to give you and other executive branch agency heads advance notice of a planned change in the agenda for the annual oversight committee hearings in January.

Both Senate and House Republican leadership plan to give added emphasis to questions asked of agency heads regarding the agency's operations, rule-making activities, and program priorities. On the Senate side, we will be providing written questions to most agency heads well in advance of January's joint oversight committee meetings.

Considering the continued fiscal challenges associated with a weak economy, we also expect a higher level of scrutiny of each agency's proposed 2012-2013 expenditures in the Joint Budget Committee meetings, which commence in early November.

Sincerely,

Mike Kopp, Senate Minority Leader

Senator Kent Lambert, Joint Budget Committee

CC: Governor John Hickenlooper  
House and Senate Leadership  
JBC members