

February 25, 2010

The Honorable Larry K. Bomke
State Senator & Chairman
State Government Suggestion Award Board
505 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

ATTN: Cindy Dixon

Re: SGSAB Suggestions #60-235

Dear Chairman Bomke:

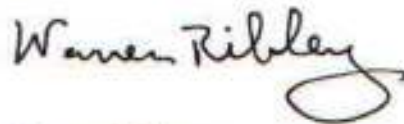
I am in receipt of your letter dated January 22, 2010, detailing "176 potentially cost saving suggestions," which were submitted to the Suggestion Award Board by Rob Sherman.

The 176 suggestions made by Mr. Sherman all relate to the funding of select line item appropriations in Public Act 96-39, generally known as the *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital bill. Each line item appropriation directs DCEO to make a grant to a specific entity, for a specific purpose, in a specific amount. Mr. Sherman suggests that the State would save money if DCEO did not make any of the grants he has included on his list.

As you may know, Mr. Sherman has also posted all of this information on his website—robsherman.com, so I do not believe there is a need for confidentiality about it. In my opinion, it is not feasible to implement his suggestions, as DCEO does not have the power to disregard legislation duly enacted by the General Assembly. However, DCEO will work with the proposed grantees identified in the legislation to ensure that the scopes of their projects are in accord with the capital bill and the Constitution.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Director

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