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TO: Members
Wisconsin Legislature

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SUBJECT: 2015-17 Cost-to-Continue Budget

At the request of numerous legislators, I have prepared information on the condition of the state's general fund for the 2015-17 biennium under a "cost-to-continue" budget. The attached condition statement is based upon the following.

Opening Balance. The administration's November 20, 2014, report indicates that 2014-15 is currently projected to end with a gross balance of -\$132 million. For the purpose of this exercise, it is assumed that any potential deficit will be addressed and that the 2014-15 balance (opening balance for 2015-16) will be \$0.

Revenues. The attached condition statement incorporates the administration's estimates included in its November 20, 2014, report. This includes both the tax collection and departmental revenue estimates contained in the November 20 report. This office will prepare its tax collection estimates for 2014-15 and 2015-17 in January, 2015.

Net Appropriations. Net appropriation amounts incorporate: the 2014-15 adjusted base; 2015-17 standard budget adjustments; commitments enacted in the current legislative session; and amounts to reflect caseload and population changes. Included in the net appropriation figures are compensation reserve and lapse amounts contained in the November 20 report.

Gross Balances. Based upon the assumptions shown above, the condition statement reflects that the gross ending balance for the 2015-17 biennium would be -\$824 million.

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**2015-17 General Fund Condition Statement
(in Millions)**

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Opening Balance, July 1	\$0	-\$619
 Revenues		
Taxes	\$15,035	\$15,653
Departmental Revenues	<u>505</u>	<u>473</u>
Total Available	\$15,540	\$15,507
 Appropriations, Transfers, and Reserves		
Gross Appropriations	\$16,283	\$16,781
Compensation Reserves	133	133
Transfers	38	39
Less Lapses	<u>-295</u>	<u>-622</u>
Net Appropriations	\$16,159	\$16,331
 Gross Balance	 -\$619	 -\$824