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Dear Mr. Norcross:

This letter is in response to the pending DOE proposal to increase the frequency of agency-specific reporting of specific metrics from quarterly to monthly for EECBG awards greater than \$2 million. It is the feeling of this county's staff and administration that excess confusion and work will arise from the move to monthly reporting for the proposed subset of metrics. With certain months containing 3 distinct reporting deadlines for various data elements and recipients, the opportunities for error and misreporting data are greatly increased. In addition, the introduction will increase the administrative burden of the EECBG program beyond its current level, reducing the amount of ARRA funding that is directly utilized for programs and projects. While appreciative of the ARRA funding in this difficult economic climate and supportive of the need for transparency and accountability in ARRA funding usage, we strongly ask that you reconsider this increase in reporting requirements and continue the current quarterly reporting requirements for the EECBG program.

Thank you for your time and attention to these concerns. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Jensen", followed by a horizontal line.

Peggy Jensen
Deputy County Manager
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