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## Human Services & Corrections Committee

Senator James Hargrove,  
Chair

TO: Child Welfare Transformation Design Committee Members  
FROM: Senator Jim Hargrove, Chair   
DATE: June 30, 2009

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Thank you for agreeing to participate on the Transformation Design Committee (TDC). I appreciate your commitment to the children and families of the state of Washington.

I wanted to let you know that the legislature passed this legislation not to save money, but to improve the child welfare system outputs for the children and families of this state. Please remember that your job is not to determine whether the content of the legislation is a good idea but rather to assist the legislature and the Governor in implementing this legislation - that is the reason we called the committee the Transformation Design Committee. You have a daunting task before you and you will have legislative direction throughout from the standing legislative Children's Oversight Committee, as the legislation requires the TDC to report on a quarterly basis to the Children's Oversight Committee starting in September 2009. I am sure you will hear many suggestions from individual legislators and stakeholders, some of them conflicting, about the TDC's work. It is important to remember that through the Children's Oversight Committee, the legislature as a whole will assist you in sorting out the potentially conflicting suggestions you may receive.

Thank you again for your commitment to this process.