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Honorable Dwight Cook
State Senator
1408 17th Street SE
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Dear Senator Cook:

This letter to you in your capacity as chairman of the interim Taxation Committee is to direct the interim Taxation Committee to receive and review the information reported by Job Service North Dakota under the appropriation provided by 2013 House Bill No. 1358, directing Job Service North Dakota to upgrade collection and use of employment data to correctly identify all employees who should be included for statistical purposes in oil and gas-related employment, including employees of refineries and gas plants and oil and gas transportation services.

It appears that if the data gathered by Job Service North Dakota is implemented through 2015 legislation, it will affect oil and gas gross production tax allocations to hub cities and hub city school districts. It will be important for the interim Taxation Committee to receive the report and gather information on the methodology employed in categorizing employees and include in its report to the Legislative Management its findings on these issues.

Sincerely,

Senator Ray Holmberg
Chairman

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