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Dear Mark:

This letter accompanies our state fiscal year (SFY) 2016 and 2017 budget recommendations for the Department for consideration by the Council on Human Services. Our budget request reflects our commitment to strategic planning in support of the Governor's goals and initiatives. We have outlined our requests within the framework of the Department's current Strategic Plan for your review.

By reaffirming our commitment to the over 970,000 Iowans who benefitted from the core programs and services administered by the Department in SFY14, we present these requests as the funding necessary to maintain the array of services and sustain the results as detailed in the narrative information accompanying each request.

During the 2014 session of the 85<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the Legislature acted on the Governor's budget submission for SFY15. For DHS, the Legislature appropriated \$1,775 million in general funds; the department is managing to a goal of 5,057 full-time equivalent positions. Our budget request for SFY16 and SFY17 provides resources needed for the DHS to deliver services to Iowa's most needy and vulnerable while implementing carefully considered cost management initiatives. We will continue to pursue cost management initiatives over the next four months leading up to the 2015 legislative session. These initiatives will be considered in light of the resources necessary to achieve our strategic goals while recognizing the challenges of continuing predictability and stability in the state budget.

With you, we remain committed to the work of the Department and the critical roles it plays in making a difference in the lives of Iowans.

After your deliberations, the Council on Human Services' recommendations will be forwarded to the Governor. The document will be posted on the DHS web site and accessible to individuals and organizations interested in our work.

I look forward to meeting with you to review the recommendations.

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Sincerely,



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