

March 9, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama President of the United States The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (PL 111-5), I hereby certify that the state of South Dakota will 1) request and use funds provided by the Act; and 2) those funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

VIA Fax: 202.456.2461

Please direct any questions, requests, or communications concerning this matter to Jason C. Dilges, who is my Commissioner of Finance and Management.

Sincerely,

M. Michael Rounds

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CC:

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