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Dear Ms. Halsey,

I would like to request a 60 day extension for counties to respond to the Department of Finance redetermination claim related to the Sexually Violent Predator program. The filing has sparked considerable interest among counties and CSAC is trying to help coordinate the responses.

As you know, this is the first redetermination claim filed under the new statutory provisions. In addition, due to unique circumstances of the Jessica's law ballot proposition, it is a very complicated legal issue.

CSAC is interested in resolving the issue in an expedited fashion, since any possible finding to repay any costs would require re-payment of the FY 2011-12 timely filed reimbursement claims that are due to be filed this Friday, February 15th. Due to the significance of the DOF filing, it is critical that counties be given appropriate time for their legal counsels and program experts to properly analyze the claim.

There will probably only be about 30 reimbursement claims filed for the FY 2011-12 fiscal year, so making adjustments should not be too burdensome for Controller to make once there is a resolution of the matter. A related issue is the next set of reimbursement claims for FY 2012-13 are February 15, 2014. It would be desirable to have the first decision as to whether or not there will be any change to the eligible costs activities prior to the end of this calendar year, but that is not a priority at this time. We will be working with the Department of Finance to attempt to accommodate them to the extent reasonable. We are both very interested in resolving this matter in a priority manner.

You approval of this request would be greatly appreciated.

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