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08 May 2013

Rodney Hiltz
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Dear Mr. Hiltz:

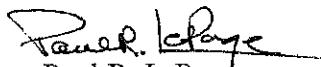
In your ten-day demand to negotiate dated May 6, 2013, you state: "We understand that executive branch departments and agencies were directed to prepare plans for an 'inevitable' shut down of all non-essential functions of state government for the month of July."

There was no such directive from my office.

Please provide me with any evidence you have to support your claim by close of business Friday. Otherwise, I will consider your claim to be baseless and must conclude there is no reason to meet.

As always, my office through the Office of Employee Relations welcomes the opportunity to meet to discuss serious issues about state employees. However, we must not utilize state employees' valuable time by responding to attempts at political grandstanding.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

Cc: Breena Whitcomb



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