



April 15, 2020

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RE: Revisions to the Governor's FY 2020-21 Supplemental Budget

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The purpose of this letter is to officially transmit a revision to Governor Walz's proposed supplemental budget for FY 2020-21. The Governor's general fund recommendations are based upon the February 2020 forecast. The Governor is proposing an additional \$6 million in FY 2020-21.

FY 2020-21 General Fund Recommendations
(\$ in millions)

Forecast Balance	\$1,513
Enacted Legislation (Chapters 66, 68, 70 and 71)	\$549
Current Budgetary Balance	\$964
Remaining Prior Recommendations	\$407
New Recommendation	\$6
Remaining Budgetary Balance	\$551

The Governor recommends providing an appropriation to sustain the Minnesota Zoo during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Zoo relies on earned income for two-thirds of its operating budget. With the closure of the Zoo during the COVID-19 outbreak, and anticipated lower revenues due to continued social distancing, an additional appropriation is necessary to ensure animal care continues and specialized facilities and

equipment are maintained. This recommendation would replace approximately 40% of the Zoo's projected revenue loss for the biennium. Even with this appropriation, the Zoo will need to scale back programming and significantly reduce operating expenses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Frans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Myron Frans
Commissioner

cc: Senator Julie Rosen, Senate Finance Chair
Representative Lyndon Carlson, House Ways and Means Chair
Senator Richard Cohen
Representative Pat Garofalo
Eric Nauman, Senate Chief Fiscal Analyst
Bill Marx, House Chief Fiscal Analyst