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Dear Mr. Moore:

This letter represents the Office of Financial Management's (OFM's) response to the Loss Prevention Review Team's (LPRT's) June 2009 Report, "Examination of State Employee Driver Safety in Washington." Current practice asks that state agencies responsible for addressing the recommendations of an LPRT review respond in writing to OFM.

As you recall, on September 27, 2007, you appointed a Team to determine the frequency of serious injury collisions involving state employees, and to review methods to enhance state worker driver safety. Team members researched these issues and learned that data collected by state agencies is insufficient to assess the actual frequency of such collisions. The Team's report includes recommendations to create various data-gathering systems that would result in correct calculations of state worker collision frequency.

While the LPRT was working on this review, the economic decline hit the nation and state government began the painful process of reducing expenditures. One element of these reductions was Governor Gregoire's directive for developing "shared services" to support state agencies, which includes the Department of General Administration (GA) consolidating agency vehicle fleets. Changing the way the state manages its motor vehicle fleets will produce the subsidiary benefit of creating the method for data collection and analysis recommended in the LPRT review.

In light of the current budget crisis, it would seem that taking action on the LPRT's report is not indicated at this time as other business functions, with higher priorities, preclude using scarce resources for this purpose. In the interim, it is suggested that the Loss Prevention Coordinator continue to monitor GA's actions to consolidate the state's vehicle fleets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Marshburn".

Stan Marshburn
Deputy Director

