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The Honorable John C. Albert
Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3
Dane County Courthouse
215 South Hamilton Street
Madison, WI 53703-3292

Re: *Wisconsin State Employees Union, AFSCME Council 24, AFL-CIO, et al. v. State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration*
Case No. 11-CV-0990

Dear Judge Albert:

I am writing to clarify a matter which has been the subject of some commentary and significant confusion: the estimated costs for a condition assessment and potential restoration of the marble and other stone surfaces in the State Capitol. These figures are *not* about removing tape and other such clean-up activities.

As you may recall, I testified at the hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Injunction on March 3, 2011, that the Department of Administration ("DOA") had received a verbal estimate as to certain costs for (1) a condition assessment of any damage to the interior of the State Capitol and (2) for restoration of the interior and exterior of the State Capitol consistent with that condition assessment. At that hearing, I truthfully testified that DOA had received an estimate that it could cost approximately \$500,000 to conduct a condition assessment, that it could cost approximately another \$6 million to restore the interior of the Capitol and approximately another \$1 million to restore the exterior and grounds of the Capitol. The figure for the interior restoration was based upon the professional expertise of DOA staff and contractors involved in the prior Capitol restoration as well as a rate per square foot of the surface space of the public spaces within the State Capitol.

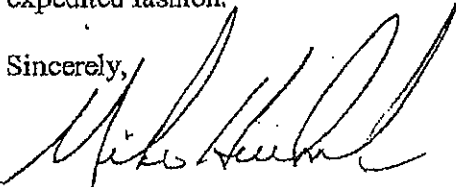
As I indicated at the hearing, these were purely preliminary figures and DOA had not yet received any condition assessments so that the final restoration figures were unknown. At present, we are in the midst of obtaining an assessment as to any damage and the corresponding estimates as to the costs for restoration. (See attached March 4, 2011 Memorandum regarding Capitol Restoration Estimates for a more detailed analysis).

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The costs for assessment and restoration are still not known. If it is determined that only a limited assessment is needed and that there is no or minimal damage, and assuming no further damage inside or outside of the State Capitol, DOA has estimated that the costs would be about \$347,500. That figure is more detailed in the March 4, 2011 Memorandum and is premised entirely on there being the need for only a very limited restoration that would not require the assistance of restoration specialists. Obviously, DOA will not have final figures until the extent of the damage has been assessed.

In normal circumstances I prefer to have more complete figures before I rely upon them for my own decision-making purposes and before they are released to the public. In this circumstance, the timing of the hearing, as well as DOA's recent receipt of the estimates, resulted in the release of preliminary information. We were simply providing the information known to DOA at the time of the hearing to the Court in an expedited fashion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Huebsch", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Huebsch
Secretary

cc: Attorney Peggy A. Lautenschlager, Bauer & Bach, LLC