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Ms. Heather Halsey  
Executive Director  
Commission on State Mandates  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Commission Request for Comments on New Substantive Issue, Schedule for Comments and Notice of Postponement and Rescheduling of Hearing (Interagency Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation Reports, 00-TC-22)**

Dear Ms. Halsey:

The Department of Finance (Finance) requests an extension to filing comments pursuant to the Commission on State Mandates' (Commission) June 14, 2013 letter on "Interagency Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation Reports, (00-TC-22)." Consistent with the time necessary for Commission staff to receive and review comments from interested parties, we additionally request postponement of the scheduled September 27, 2013 hearing on the Commission staff's analysis of the parameters and guidelines to the December 6, 2013 Commission hearing. Finance requests this extension because the questions posed by the Commission will require Finance and other affected state agencies to spend substantial time to deliberate prior to providing a meaningful response.

In particular, the history of state and local funding for the activities listed in question 1 is complex and covers over two decades. Given the complexity of this issue and the recent enactment on June 27 of the 2013 Budget Act, which required the focus of our staff's efforts, Finance needs additional time to analyze the funding background of these activities so that the Commission has the benefit of a thorough and accurate response.

Second, as the Commission notes, the issues relating to 2011 Realignment and Proposition 30 are of first impression that potentially has a broad impact on future mandates issues. Consequently, Finance requires additional time to review the interrelationship between the potential of realigned funding of this mandate and the overarching legal issues of the recent passage of Proposition 30.

Pursuant to section 1181.2, subdivision (c)(1)(E) of the California Code of Regulations, "documents that are e-filed with the Commission need not be otherwise served on persons that have provided an e-mail address for the mailing list."

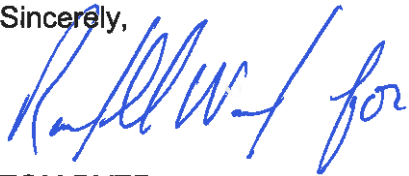
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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael Byrne, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-3274.

Sincerely,



TOM DYER

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Enclosure

Enclosure A

DECLARATION OF RANDALL WARD  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
CLAIM NO. 00-TC-22

1. I am currently employed by the State of California, Department of Finance (Finance), am familiar with the duties of Finance, and am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Finance.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing are true and correct of my own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated as information or belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

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at Sacramento, CA



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Randall Ward