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December 20, 1999,

Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
1300 I Street, Suite 950
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Test Claim, *Charter School Collective Bargaining*, CSM 99-TC-05

Dear Ms. Higashi:

As requested in your letter of December 2, 1999, the Department of Finance has reviewed the test claim submitted by the Western Placer Unified School District (claimant) asking the Commission to determine whether specified costs incurred under Chapter 828, Statutes of 1999, (AB 631, Migden), are reimbursable State mandated costs (Claim No. CSM-99-TC-05, "*Charter School Collective Bargaining* "). However, we have concluded that we are unable to provide a recommendation of the merits of the request by January 2, 2000. This letter constitutes our request for a 60-day extension of time for good cause. We believe that the following factor satisfies the "good cause" criterion in Section 1181.1 (g) of the Commission's regulations: the individual responsible for preparing the document has other time-limited commitments during the affected period, specifically, preparing the Governor's Budget for the January 10 constitutional deadline.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Eileen Cubanski at (916) 445-0328 or James Apps, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Radtkey-Gaither".

Kathryn Radtkey-Gaither
Program Budget Manager