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Mark Gottlieb, P.E., Secretary
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Dear Secretary Gottlieb,

I wanted to thank you in writing for inviting the State Engineering Association to meet with Department of Transportation managers to discuss issues we had earlier brought both to your attention and that of the governor.

As a result of your invitation, Association section presidents Ron Becker, Carl Bujanowski and I sat down recently with DOT managers Dan Grasser, Paul Trombino, and Rory Rhinesmith. Among the issues we discussed are the DOT's continuing, wasteful use of tax dollars to outsource government work to expensive private consultants.

Although the meeting was called on short notice and was not lengthy, our Association appreciated the opportunity to brief your staff on these issues, which continue to be a major concern for State of Wisconsin engineers and other technical staff who are among our members.

We hope this meeting was just a beginning and that we will continue to exchange views and information with the department on this and other issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Klipstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M" and "K".

Mark Klipstein
President
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