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Kimberly Lewis Robinson
Secretary, Department of Revenue on behalf of
the Task Force on Structural Changes in
Budget and Tax Policy

RE: HCR 25

All:

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution 25, I am providing the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness' (GOHSEP's) initiatives we will take to ensure a more efficient operation for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and beyond.

- Implementation of the National Disaster Recovery Framework
 - Prevent potential program overlaps
 - Determine how best to leverage RSF resources and funding more quickly
 - Implement recovery strategies according to state priorities
 - Provide resource support to local jurisdictions' recovery and resilience initiatives
- Consolidate the agency's internal and external training, education and outreach programs
 - Eliminate duplication of effort
 - Ensure continuity of training standards
 - Increase employee retention and professional development
- Establish federal disaster closeout metrics
 - Facilitate an expedited project closure for local, state and non-profit applicants
 - Reduce need for federal funding, thereby reducing taxpayer dollars
 - Reduce state employee positions as disasters are closed

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As you are aware, GOHSEP does not use state general fund for its operations. We rely on federal grants to implement all programs and initiatives, which means there is little savings to state general fund by implementation of the above efficiencies. Our state general fund appropriation is used for debt service and reimbursement for statewide services such as IT, HR and Procurement support.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 925-7345 or by email at James.Waskom@la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James B. Waskom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James B. Waskom