



DAVID CRAIG

STATE SENATOR

February 14, 2017

The Honorable Robert Cowles, Co-Chair
Joint Audit Committee
118 South, State Capitol

The Honorable Samantha Kerkman, Co-Chair
Joint Audit Committee
315 North, State Capitol

Dear Senator Cowles and Representative Kerkman:

I write to request the Joint Legislative Audit Committee direct the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) to conduct a comprehensive audit of all state programs which receive or utilize federal funds. In conjunction with, or in addition to, the Single Audit conducted by the LAB listing agencies and individual programs receiving federal (FED) funds, we request a review of the federal requirements, regulations, and restrictions which bind the usage of those FED funds and tie the hands of our state government officials, local officials, and limits the freedoms of our constituents.

I request the LAB consider the following questions:

- Which agencies and programs receive and use federal funds
- The cost of compliance and freedom lost by the state agency and local officials due to regulation
- The estimated savings which could be realized should a regulation be lifted or lessened
- The cost of compliance and loss of freedom born by the citizens of the state as a result of the regulation

I ask that the LAB would work with the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Legislative Council, and individual agencies to determine the extent of the regulatory burden, cost of compliance, and loss of flexibility for state agencies.

As part of the on-going efforts to return powers and flexibilities back to the states through our Federalism Committee, I am seeking additional information to identify the areas which would lift the burden of federal government regulations and mandates so the committee can craft reforms which will bring efficiency to our state government and liberty our citizens.

As I am sure you are aware, for years the federal government has seized powers reserved for the states under the 9th and 10th Amendments to the Constitution. An endeavor of the Senate Committee on Financial Services, Constitution & Federalism is to assist our state in returning these powers to our state and our citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Craig".

David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District