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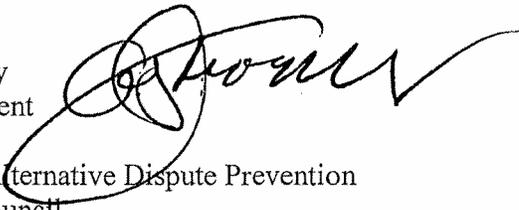
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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Hadwiger
DFA Restructuring Task Force

DATE: November 8, 2010

FROM: Arturo Jaramillo, Secretary
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RE: Proposed Elimination of Alternative Dispute Prevention
& Resolution Advisory Council

The Alternative Dispute Prevention and Resolution Advisory Council was statutorily established by the 2007 Governmental Dispute Prevention and Resolution Act (Chapter 12, Article 8A NMSA 1978). It is comprised of representatives from GSD, DFA, SPO, RLD, and designees from "four other executive branch agencies to be appointed by the governor from among the ten agencies with the highest occurrence of public liability claims."

This Council serves an essential function in providing a forum for RMD-insured entities to discuss best practices and proposed policies for resolving disputes and preventing insurable losses. This Council also serves as a critical avenue for feedback with the ADR Office and state agencies on how the ADR Office and program can be a valuable resource in serving state agencies, employees and constituents, and in supporting dispute resolution and loss prevention efforts within these agencies and programs.

Council meetings are held twice a year, and are attended by Council members, as well as by ADR Coordinators throughout state government, and members of the public. The Council does not receive, nor does it expect, any general fund appropriations and does not make any budgetary demands on participating agencies or individuals. Council members and their agencies do not expend any funds or expenses out-of-pocket, and most travel to meetings and functions within Santa Fe's city limits.

For these reasons, the Alternative Dispute Prevention and Resolution Advisory Council should continue in full force and effect as established in state statute.