

August 31, 2012

Steve Stogel and Chuck Gross, Co-Chairs  
Bi-Partisan Missouri Tax Credit Review Commission  
Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Stogel and Mr. Gross:

Thank you for your leadership on the Tax Credit Review Commission and the important recommendations the commission made in its 2010 report. Thanks also for your willingness to reconvene the commission to address this issue once again.

It is critical that we, as a state, invest taxpayer dollars wisely and on the most important priorities facing the state. It is entirely appropriate that we examine tax credit expenditures to ensure that taxpayers are receiving the highest possible return on that investment. We must balance our investments in economic development activities such as tax credits with the need to fund our public schools and other essential state services at an adequate level. We must maintain the highest degree of fiscal responsibility possible in all aspects of state expenditures.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue. We look forward to the results of your work.

Sincerely,

Gerry Lee, Chair  
Education Roundtable

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