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Senator Alberta Darling Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 317 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Representative John Nygren, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
Room 309 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Enclosed please find a study on the consolidation of the Department of Safety and Professional Services and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, which was prepared in response to section 9101(3s) of 2013 Wisconsin Act 20.

The study consists of two documents. The first is the narrative of the study with appendices. The second document details the methodology and results of the survey used for stakeholder outreach. As the study does not recommend a merger of the two agencies, no draft legislation has been prepared and recommendations for the structure or makeup of a potential Department of Agriculture, Regulation and Trade are not included.

Please contact Andrew Hitt, Assistant Deputy Secretary, at 608-261-2299 or Andrew.Hitt@wisconsin.gov if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Huebsch
Secretary

cc: Members of Joint Committee on Finance