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September 16, 2019

Mr. Don Zavodny, Administrator
Michigan State Employees Association
AFSCME Local 5
6035 Executive Drive, St. #104
Lansing, MI 48911-5338

Dear Mr. Zavodny:

The Michigan Constitution requires a balanced budget be in place at the beginning of the fiscal year to provide authorization to expend public funds to serve the citizens of our state. With two weeks remaining to get a budget completed, time is growing short, which means the State must continue the process of planning for a potential government shutdown.

Today, state workers are being notified that if a budget is not in place by October 1, they will be temporarily laid off effective 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2019 due to lack of funds, reduction in spending authority and/or administrative efficiency in accordance with applicable contractual provisions or Civil Service rules and regulations. Employees will be responsible for monitoring when they are to return to work. The information will be available through all local news media or at www.michigan.gov.

Work is now underway across all of state government to determine which employees will be required to report to work on October 1, if a shutdown does occur, to protect the health and safety of Michigan residents. Appointing authorities will notify those employees who will be required to work.

I have attached FAQ's that have been provided to all state employees.

I am available to meet with you upon request to discuss the potential impact on Unit employees. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liza Estlund Olson".

Liza Estlund Olson
Director

cc: Department Directors
Human Resource Directors
Joel Gutzki
Valerie S. Hill