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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Representative Kitty Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations  
**From:** Representative Janet Ancel, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means  
**Date:** February 20, 2018  
**Subject:** FY2019 State Budget - Policy Committees Review

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Ancel', written over the 'From' line of the memorandum.

Representative Toll,

Thank you for giving us a chance to comment on sections of the Governor's proposed budget that impact revenue.

With respect to the allocations of the Property Transfer Tax, we are in agreement with the proposal, as long as the affected parties are in agreement. We haven't taken testimony in our committee.

We are in agreement with the proposal to appropriate money to support grand list litigation.

The sunset on the claims tax is being considered separately in the Ways and Means and Health Care committees. There are significant fiscal and oversight issues that need to be considered and we recommend that the claims tax not be dealt with in the budget.

There are several sections that deal with moving Education Fund to the general fund, in various forms. These include funding for new positions in the Agency of Education, increased funding for flexible pathways and early college, and funding for VSAC. These sections run counter to our committee's interest in making a greater separation between the general fund and the education fund. In particular, we are considering a recommendation to move flexible pathways and early college to the general fund.

cc: Ways and Means Committee Members