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To: Senator
Fr: DE
Re: Workforce Development Conference

The conference on workforce development will meet again tomorrow. Time and place are yet to be determined, but it will be sometime in the middle of the afternoon. As I mentioned yesterday, there are two items with which you should be very familiar when we meet.

One pertains to libraries and arts and artifacts indemnity. At this point, we have an orchestrated compromise in which Jeffords will drop his arts and artifacts provision in exchange for a $340,000 minimum state allocation in libraries. You won’t have to say anything when this issue comes up, but you should familiarize yourself with the issues. Copies of Pamela’s background and talking points on both issues have already been sent to you.

The second is the Vocational Education formula, which involves both corrections education and the allocation of funds to secondary schools. Background and talking points on both of these issues also accompany this memo. It is very important that you be ready to talk on these issues -- to urge an 80/20 split in funding within the secondary allocation and to urge keeping a provision that will send money for corrections education.

I would also urge you to take a look at the other issues in your briefing book just so you are aware of what is going to be discussed. However, I would reiterate that it is most important that you know what is happening in libraries and arts and artifacts, and that you be prepared to speak on the vocational education formula issues.