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Yeah, we pitched \$75M for the Highway Turnback Initiative this year and got \$0 in the budget. There are significant transportation needs generally - for bridge renovation and replacement, especially. And the feds will likely only be reducing their support for transportation infrastructure, going forward. The federal highway trust fund is essentially insolvent at this point.

For tax relief, she pitched \$140M this year, between business and individual tax cuts. In the end, we got a deal that will ramp up to \$65M over three years.

She'd like to do more for charters and for school choice...it's easier to sell choice if the legacy schools don't feel like they're being shortchanged in the process. So that one's less readily quantifiable, but there's a financial component to that, too.

The higher ed initiative is ABF - Accountability-Based Funding. We got it out of the Senate, but it died in the House. It doesn't necessarily require more money, but there's a financial piece of that, since you have the usual winners/losers debate...and there are institutional grudges still over the last two overhauls of their funding formula.

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I may.

On another topic - as I'm trying to get folks to understand that spending 10 cents of the dollar for Medicaid expansion is a good idea only if 1) the expansion is worth 10 cents to the state 2) if we have the money and 3) we don't have anything better to spend the money on, do you have examples of programs we don't fully fund, that we want to, that could be paid if we controlled Medicaid better? Pre-k, roads, higher ed, tax relief? We budgeted \$66 million state on natural enrollment growth and inflation alone this year.

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I don't have time to sit in on this stuff this week. If you wanna sit in on the call, let me know. I'm not worried either way. Thanks.

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Please see attached for the agenda and memo for Tuesday's call.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,  
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