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Hey Danny

Thanks for taking the time to meet this morning. Here is the list I sent to Bonnie at DOR after my meeting with Tom Persons, our attorney, Geoff Chambers and then the meeting with Grant Gibson.

We'd love to push for more but like I mentioned this morning, we believe all of this is doable. There seems to be a good spirit of receptivity in the members I've met with and we believe this gives them a good launch point. If Kevin went a few steps beyond this, foster kids, military kids, etc...it would give us some leeway too.

I do believe a good message point for you is that we hit the \$11 million cap on 12/29 and based on what we are hearing and on the money we'll have to return, we could have as much as \$1million more ready to be received right now.

Thanks for all you do
Chad

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> Bonnie

> I had begun this when Tom emailed you back so I just thought I'd send it on. We can talk on January 2nd or 3rd if we need to adjust anything but these are the points we brought up to the Senate Finance rep, Grant Gibson when we met this week. We believe this list ought to be included in your report so that we are all "on the same page" in regard to fixes that we'd like to see in the bill.

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> Thanks a bunch and Merry Christmas!!

> Chad

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> 1. Codification of the proviso into permanent law

> 2. Adjust language to make sure it is clear that Exceptional SC is a private charitable organization, not a government entity and thus not subject to FOIA.

> 3. Increase the allowed operating budget of the organization to rise to 5% from the current 2%. Most states that have similar programs operate in the 5-7% range and we cannot have a full program with comprehensive and strategic communications and promotional plans in place at this level of operating expenses.

> 4. Clarify the statement in Section B5 regarding reasonable audit time frames...Currently, the proviso indicates the audit must be completed on the same day the books close.

> 5. Raise the cap to \$15 million for Exceptional SC donations and to \$5 million for tax credits for tuition payments. We believe we can serve more children and save public schools money with additional funding.

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> That covers our list,

> Merry Christmas!!

> Chad