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The Honorable Deb Peters  
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Dear Representative Peters,

I just wanted to take a moment to write and thank you for caring so much about South Dakota's children and families. Your willingness to give of your time and talents to serve on the Department of Social Services Central Registry workgroup is greatly appreciated.

As you know, ensuring children in South Dakota are safe from abuse and neglect is a critical role of families, communities and state government. These issues are often extremely complicated and require a balancing act of ensuring the safety and well being of young people while supporting children to remain with their families whenever possible. Your careful consideration of the issues, professionalism and common sense brought much to the workgroup and made the work easier to accomplish.

Thank you your strong advocacy for our state's most vulnerable children. I look forward to continuing to work with you to support South Dakota's children and their families.

Sincerely,

Deborah K. Bowman  
Cabinet Secretary