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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **General Revenue Report for December (FY 2010)**

DATE: January 5, 2010

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YEAR-TO-DATE REVENUE SUMMARY

Year-to-date Net Available General Revenues: Year-to-date net available general revenues total \$2,244.9 million. This amount is \$37.8 million or -1.7 percent below last year and \$54.9 million or -2.4 percent below the general revenue forecast. The amount below forecast is due to a mix of declines across all the major revenue categories. Gross Receipts (Sales and Use Tax) are below forecast the most in absolute terms, by \$27.7 million or -2.7 percent. This decline relative to last year stems from a combination of weak consumer sales, business-to-business sales, weather effects, and a series of non-recurring refunds. Corporate Income Tax collections are below forecast by \$7.3 million or -3.1 percent.

Year-to-date Gross General Revenues: Year-to-date gross collections total \$2,577.0 million, representing a decrease of \$80.0 million or -3.0 percent below last year. Gross general revenues are \$49.7 million or -1.9 percent below the general revenue forecast.

Year-to-date Individual Income Taxes: Year-to-date individual income tax collections total \$1,138.6 million, \$56.9 million or -4.8 percent below FY 2009 collections and \$13.7 million or -1.2 percent below forecast. Collections growth for individual monthly withholding is also down -2.3 percent from year ago levels.

Year-to-date individual income tax refunds total \$63.2 million, up \$9.3 million or 17.2 percent compared to last year and \$4.8 million or 8.1 percent above forecast.

Year-to-date Gross Receipts Collections: Gross receipts consist primarily of sales and use taxes. On a year-to-date basis, gross receipts total \$987.1 million, a decrease of \$100.4 million or -9.2 percent below FY 2009 and \$27.7 million or -2.7 percent below forecast.

Year-to-date Corporate Income Taxes: Year-to-date corporate revenues total \$227.4 million, an increase of \$32.5 million or 16.7 percent from year-to-date FY 2009. Collections are down \$7.3 million or -3.1 percent compared to forecast. Several large, non-recurring payments in Corporate Income Tax were anticipated in the forecast and subsequently collected in November.

Year-to-date corporate income tax refunds total \$34.9 million, up \$7.8 million or 28.8 percent from the comparable year-to-date period last year and \$6.4 million or 22.3 percent above forecast.

DECEMBER REVENUE SUMMARY

December Net Available General Revenues total \$376.2 million, \$22.7 million or -5.7 percent below last year and \$20.9 million or -5.3 percent below forecast. Collections were down in all major categories by 6 to 10 percent compared to year ago December levels and by 5 to 8 percent compared to forecast. Income tax refunds, representing subtractions from gross revenue and representing remaining claims from 2008 and prior tax years, were below forecast.

December Gross General Revenues: December collections total \$429.3 million, a decrease of \$28.3 million or -6.2 percent below last year and \$30.3 million or -6.6 percent below forecast.

December Individual Income Tax collections total \$178.6 million. Collections decreased by \$12.0 million, or -6.3 percent, compared to last year. With respect to the forecast, collections are \$10.1 million or -5.3 percent below forecast. Individual withholding decreased 5.8 percent compared to last year.

December Individual Income Tax Refunds total \$4.0 million. Refunds are down \$1.2 million or -23.3 percent from December 2008. This amount is 26.5 percent below forecast for the month.

December Gross Receipts Collections: December collections total \$159.9 million, a decrease of \$18.8 million or -10.5 percent from last year. Collections were below monthly forecast levels by \$14.4 million or -8.3 percent.

December Corporate Income Tax collections total \$63.4 million, a decrease of \$5.2 million or -7.6 percent from year earlier levels, and \$5.4 million or -7.8 percent below forecast.

December Corporate Income Tax Refunds total \$4.0 million. This amount is \$3.9 million or -49.0 percent below year ago refunds.

December Tobacco Tax collections, a small component of general revenue, total \$20.2 million or 55.5 percent above year earlier levels. Collections were 0.6 percent above forecast for the month. Monthly changes in tobacco tax collections can be attributed to uneven patterns of stamp sales to wholesale purchasers. Year ago growth comparisons are impacted by tax rate changes that became effective on March 1.

SPECIAL REVENUES OF NOTE

Year-to-date Medicaid Program Trust Fund: Year-to-date collections of the dedicated soft drink tax total \$23.4 million, a decrease of \$1.1 million or -4.7 percent below last year.

Educational Adequacy Fund: Act 107 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003 increased the state sales and use tax rate from 5.125% to 6.0%, effective March 1, 2004. Effective July 1, 2004 a new sales tax on selected services went into effect in addition to an increase in vending machine decal fees. Act 94 increased the minimum corporate franchise tax and the tax rate, effective for calendar years beginning January 1, 2004.

The additional revenues are deposited as special revenues to the Educational Adequacy Fund to be used to fulfill the financial obligations of the state to provide an adequate educational system. In December 2009, \$33.0 million was collected and deposited to the fund. After deductions, the net amount is \$32.1 million. The monthly collection is equivalent to a -8.6 percent decrease from prior year collections.

YEAR TO DATE REPORT, DECEMBER 2009
(PREPARED BY ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND TAX RESEARCH, DFA)

THROUGH DECEMBER 2009
6 Months YTD
Forecast Date: 10/20/2009

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

	ACTUAL FY 2009	FORECAST FY 2010	INCREASE		ACTUAL FY 2009	ACTUAL FY 2010	INCREASE		ACTUAL AS % OF FORECAST
			AMOUNT	PERCENT			AMOUNT	PERCENT	
INDIVIDUAL INCOME	1,195.4	1,152.3	-43.1	-3.6	1,195.4	1,138.6	-56.9	-4.8	98.8
ESTATE ¹	-1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	-1.0	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0
CORPORATE INCOME	194.9	234.7	39.8	20.4	194.9	227.4	32.5	16.7	96.9
GROSS RECEIPTS ²	1,087.5	1,014.8	-72.7	-6.7	1,087.5	987.1	-100.4	-9.2	97.3
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ³	15.0	15.7	0.7	4.6	15.0	14.8	-0.2	-1.2	94.4
TOBACCO	73.3	124.1	50.8	69.4	73.3	126.9	53.6	73.2	102.2
INSURANCE	41.9	45.8	3.9	9.3	41.9	45.2	3.3	7.8	98.6
RACING	2.1	2.3	0.2	7.4	2.1	1.9	-0.2	-10.5	83.3
GAMES OF SKILL	2.9	3.6	0.7	22.1	2.9	3.6	0.6	21.4	99.4
MISCELLANEOUS ⁴	44.9	33.4	-11.5	-25.6	44.9	31.5	-13.4	-29.9	94.2
TOTAL GROSS	2,657.0	2,626.7	-30.3	-1.1	2,657.0	2,577.0	-80.0	-3.0	98.1
PLUS:									
REVENUE ALLOTMENT RESERVE	3.4	61.0	57.6	1,704.7	3.4	61.0	57.7	1,706.2	100.1
LESS: SCSF/COF ⁵	79.7	78.8	-0.9	-1.2	79.7	77.3	-2.4	-3.1	98.1
IND INCOME TAX REFUNDS	53.9	58.4	4.5	8.3	53.9	63.2	9.3	17.2	108.1
CORP INCOME TAX REFUNDS	27.1	28.5	1.4	5.3	27.1	34.9	7.8	28.8	122.3
CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ECON DEVEL INCENTIVE FUND	6.4	9.6	3.2	51.1	6.4	5.4	-0.9	-14.3	56.7
WATER/SEWER BONDS	3.0	6.6	3.6	120.0	3.0	6.6	3.6	120.0	100.0
COLLEGE SAVINGS BONDS	6.1	6.0	-0.1	-1.2	6.1	5.6	-0.4	-7.2	93.9
CITY/CO. TOURIST	3.6	3.7	0.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	0.1	1.9	98.2
SCHOOL DESEGREGATION	40.0	41.0	1.0	2.5	40.0	41.0	1.0	2.5	100.0
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE	144.1	141.9	-2.2	-1.5	144.1	142.0	-2.1	-1.4	100.1
EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY	12.7	12.5	-0.2	-1.9	12.7	12.6	-0.2	-1.4	100.5
ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION	1.1	0.9	-0.2	-17.9	1.1	0.9	-0.2	-15.5	102.9
NET AVAILABLE	2,282.7	2,299.8	17.1	0.7	2,282.7	2,244.9	-37.8	-1.7	97.6

REVENUE FORECAST SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER

YEAR-TO-DATE GROSS	\$ 49.7 MILLION OR 1.9% BELOW FORECAST.
YEAR-TO-DATE REFUNDS	\$ 11.1 MILLION OR 12.8% ABOVE FORECAST.
YEAR-TO-DATE NET AVAILABLE	\$ 54.9 MILLION OR 2.4% BELOW FORECAST

SOFT DRINK EXCISE TAX (MEDICAID PROGRAM TRUST FUND)	<u>YTD FY 09</u> 24.5	<u>YTD FY 10</u> 23.4	<u>% CHANGE</u> -4.7
EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY FUND (NET DEPOSIT)	<u>YTD FY 09</u> 217.7	<u>YTD FY 10</u> 197.8	<u>% CHANGE</u> -9.1

- 1) Effective January 1, 2005, the federal estate tax credit was abolished, effectively ending state tax collections in FY06.
- 2) Gross Receipts includes the sales, use, 10% mixed drink, 3% beverage excise, vehicle rental, short-term rental, residential moving, and wholesale vending taxes.
- 3) Alcoholic Beverage does not include 10% Mixed Drink and 3% Beverage Excise.
- 4) Miscellaneous includes severance, corporate franchise, real estate transfer, dyed diesel, and various other miscellaneous taxes.
- 5) State Central Services Fund and Constitutional Officers Fund.

DECEMBER GENERAL REVENUE REPORT
(ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND TAX RESEARCH, DFA)
(682-1688 for further information)

December 31, 2009
Days Remaining: 0
Forecast date: 10/20/2009

MILLIONS OF \$

	CURRENT MONTH				CURRENT MONTH TO DATE				ACTUAL AS % OF FORECAST
	ACTUAL FY 2009	FORECAST FY 2010	CHANGE AMOUNT	PERCENT	ACTUAL FY 2009	ACTUAL FY 2010	CHANGE AMOUNT	PERCENT	
INDIVIDUAL INCOME	190.6	188.7	-1.9	-1.0	190.6	178.6	-12.0	-6.3	94.7
ESTATE ¹	-0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
CORPORATE INCOME	68.6	68.8	0.2	0.2	68.6	63.4	-5.2	-7.6	92.2
GROSS RECEIPTS ²	178.7	174.3	-4.4	-2.5	178.7	159.9	-18.8	-10.5	91.7
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ³	2.2	2.5	0.3	12.1	2.2	2.2	0.0	-0.1	89.1
TOBACCO	13.0	20.1	7.1	54.6	13.0	20.2	7.2	55.5	100.6
INSURANCE	1.4	1.2	-0.2	-12.4	1.4	0.8	-0.5	-38.3	70.5
RACING	0.3	0.4	0.1	50.0	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-42.4	38.4
GAMES OF SKILL	0.5	0.6	0.1	23.3	0.5	0.6	0.1	18.9	96.4
MISCELLANEOUS ⁴	2.7	3.0	0.3	13.1	2.7	3.4	0.7	26.9	112.3
TOTAL GROSS	457.7	459.6	1.9	0.4	457.7	429.3	-28.3	-6.2	93.4
PLUS:									
REV. ALLOTMENT RESERVE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LESS: 3% (SCSF/COF) ⁵	13.7	13.8	0.1	0.4	13.7	12.9	-0.9	-6.3	93.3
IND INC TAX REFUNDS	5.2	5.4	0.2	4.4	5.2	4.0	-1.2	-23.3	73.5
CORP INC TAX REFUNDS	7.9	8.9	1.0	13.2	7.9	4.0	-3.9	-49.0	45.0
CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ECON DEVEL INCENTIVE FUND	0.0	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	6.2
WATER/SEWER BONDS	0.5	1.1	0.6	120.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	120.0	100.0
COLLEGE SAVINGS BONDS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CITY & COUNTY TOURIST	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SCHOOL DESEGREGATION	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.0	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE	24.0	23.7	-0.3	-1.3	24.0	23.7	-0.3	-1.4	99.9
EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY	2.1	2.1	0.0	-1.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	-1.4	99.7
ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-48.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	-21.9	150.6
NET AVAILABLE	399.0	397.1	-1.9	-0.5	399.0	376.2	-22.7	-5.7	94.7

EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY FUND (NET DEPOSIT, MONTH-TO-DATE)	Dec 08 35.1	Dec 09 32.1	% CH -8.6
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