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Dear Leaders,

I write on behalf of the Southeast Delegation of our Democratic Caucus, which met late last week to discuss the budget. We all thank you for your hard work and your effort to complete the 2010-2011 budget on time. We appreciate the extremely challenging nature of the task you have in producing a responsible budget, on time, under awfully difficult economic circumstances.

The members of the Southeast Delegation have significant concerns regarding deep cuts in the areas of education, the environment and human services rumored to have been suggested by those with whom you are negotiating.

Southeast Delegation members are uniform in our belief that drastic cuts to proven education programs, like Pre-K Counts, environmental programs, such as Growing Greener, and human services programs, like domestic violence shelters, must not be a part of the final budget agreement.

While we recognize funding reductions are necessary, we will not accept a proposal that radically harms our environment, our kids and our most vulnerable constituents.

Additionally, we believe the final budget agreement should include pension reform. Not only will pension reform help keep costs down for the state in the short term, it also will ease the burden on local school districts, which face their own budget shortfalls.

Again, thank you for the enormous effort you have put into this year's budget. I look forward to further discussing these matters.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Gerber  
Chairman  
Southeast Delegation