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From: Seth H. Bradstreet, III, Commissioner *Seth H. Bradstreet III*
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Date: September 1, 2009

Re: The Initiative to Streamline State Government – Priority Programs

Pursuant to your memorandum of August 18, I am sending a spreadsheet in which the programs of the Department are grouped in a manner that makes it clear those which we deem to be "high priority" or "mission critical." The programs in category 1 are those that are focused on protecting public health and safety as well as animal and plant health, and ensuring the integrity of consumer and commercial transactions.

Over the years and through rounds of budget cuts, with the Legislature's assistance, we have reduced overlap of programs within the Department – for instance inspection, and weights and measures staff are crossed trained. The other issues raised in the second paragraph of your letter we addressed indirectly through the process of grouping our programs.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Priority Level	Division	Program	Funding	Program number
1	Market Production & Development	TFAP	GF/FED	0816
1	Animal Health & Industry	State Veterinarian	GF	0394
1	Quality Assurance & Regulation	Inspection (food, weights & measures, label)	GF	0393
1	Animal Health & Industry	Importations of livestock & poultry	GF	0394
1	Animal Health & Industry	Dairy Inspections	GF/OSR	0394
1	Quality Assurance & Regulation	Metrology Lab and Local Sealers	GF/OSR	0393
1	Plant Industry	Seed Potato Certification	GF/OSR	0831
1	Animal Health & Industry	Nutrient Management	GF/OSR/BOND/FED	0394
1	Plant Industry	State Horticulturist	GF/OSR	0831
1	Quality Assurance & Regulation	Meat & Poultry Inspection	GF/FED	0393
1	Commissioner's Office	Administration	GF/OSR	0401
1	Plant Industry	Apiary Registration & Inspection	GF/OSR	0831
2	Quality Assurance & Regulation	Maine Bag Program	GF/FED	0393/0459
2	Quality Assurance & Regulation	Pet Food & Commercial Feed	GF/OSR	0393
2	Quality Assurance & Regulation	Seed & Fertilizer	GF/OSR	0393
2	Animal Health & Industry	Agriculture nuisance complaint program	GF	0394
2	Animal Health & Industry	State Fed Diagnostic Lab	GF/OSR	0394
2	Market Production & Development	Ag Marketing Loan Fund	GF/OSR	0833
2	Market Production & Development	Farms for the Future	GF/BOND	0925
2	Animal Health & Industry	Livestock Specialist	GF	0394
2	Market Production & Development	Ag Water Mgmt Board/Ag Water reporting	GF/OSR	0833
2	Market Production & Development	Land for Maine's Future Projects	GF/BOND	0833
2	Market Production & Development	Ag Business Planning/ NxLevel	GF/OSR	0833
2	Animal Health & Industry	Soil & Water Conservation Districts	GF	0394
2	Market Production & Development	Special Events	GF/OSR	0833
3	Market Production & Development	Agriculture Market Investment Program	GF	0833
3	Quality Assurance & Regulation	Maine Bottle Bill enforcement	GF/OSR	0971
3	Market Production & Development	Market Access Program	GF	0833
3	Market Production & Development	Sustainable production R, D, & E program	GF	0833