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GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

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Administrator Jim Conrad
Bureau of Workers Compensation
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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your time and attention at our recent cabinet retreat.

I would like follow up on the first topic of the day - workers' compensation. It was my suggestion that this issue be addressed with the entire cabinet, and I strongly support the comments of Administrator Conrad and Director Johnson. I ask you to address the workers' compensation challenge by taking two steps:

First, you should designate a representative to attend the 2003 Ohio Safety Congress sponsored by the Department of Administrative Services and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. It will be held on the morning of April 2nd at the Columbus Convention Center.

Second, I request that you pay serious attention to the workers' compensation report distributed at the cabinet meeting and to the work of the Commission. We all have an obligation to provide a safe and supportive workplace. In the process, we can achieve savings that will enable us to continue providing essential service in tough budgetary circumstances.

Thank you for your leadership and your focus on workers' compensation issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob".

Bob Taft
Governor