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Honorable Charles McCall
Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Honorable Greg Treat
President Pro Tempore Oklahoma Senate
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Representative Kevin Wallace
Chairman, House Appropriations and Budget Committee
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Senator Roger Thompson
Chairman, Senate Appropriations and Budget Committee
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re: Report from the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tax Commission re projected
State revenue for FY2021

Dear Speaker McCall and President Pro Tempore Treat:

At the Board of Equalization meeting today, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tax Commission presented revised estimates for revenues available from major tax sources to be apportioned for Fiscal Year 2021. Their best estimate, based on the impact of the COVID-19 economic downturn and resultant decrease in income and sales taxes, together with the significant drop in oil prices and the ensuing drop in gross production taxes, is that the State's revenues for the period ending June 30, 2021, will decrease approximately \$1,733,729,000 from impacts to major source collections, which will impact the General Revenue Fund negatively by approximately \$1,366,288,860.

In light of the extraordinary circumstances of the current COVID-19 global pandemic, we the Board believe it is important to point out that the February 18, 2020 certified general revenue numbers are no longer reliable for consideration of the state's fiscal plan for fiscal year 2021. We respectfully advise that the Legislature take into account the above information from the Oklahoma Tax Commission to properly adjust expectations of estimated revenue for planning purposes in crafting a budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KSA', written in a cursive style.

J. Kevin Stitt, Governor
Chairman, Board of Equalization