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Subject: Recommendations

Dear Commissioners:

1. As you know, we will be discussing the tax package attached hereto in September with the goal of agreeing (hopefully unanimously), on recommendations on all or some of the package. In order to prepare for the possible inclusion of a new Business Net Receipts Tax (BNRT), I will be meeting with Commissioners Edley and Cogan, Commission staff, and outside legal and economic experts to address various policy and technical issues associated with this tax in preparation for the BNRT public workshops on August 26 and August 28, 2009. These will be the only workshops the Commission will conduct. However, the staff will be undertaking significant analysis of the tax package and I encourage all Commissioners to provide input and analysis regarding any aspect of the tax package attached hereto. For the staff to be able assess such input, I would ask Commissioners to submit in writing any such material by August 17, 2009.

2. The Commission has also agreed to include in our report a section described as follows:

"In addition, the Commission, hopefully unanimously, will identify areas of reform (non-revenue related) that need to be considered by others outside the context of the Commission to achieve comprehensive fiscal reform."

In order to help prepare for discussion of this section in September, I request that Commissioners who wish to have reform proposals included in this section of the report to submit descriptions of their request by August 24, 2009. We will have to decide how many Commissioners are needed to support any proposal to be included in this section of our report.

Thank you again for your cooperation in this important effort. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Gerry Parsky