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Dear Ms. Dietz,

Pierce County and AOC have a long history of working cooperatively on automating court filings and data processing. These systems and tools have allowed both organizations to minimize staff time and reduce costs. Specifically, the Web-services data transfer tools that are currently under development is the subject of this letter.

As with most local governments, Pierce County's Information Technology Department budget has been significantly reduced over the last three years. In 2012, the County Council conducted a review and prepared a Performance Report that describes how the County will prioritize technology project work and resources with the goal of not exceeding budget targets. The plan gives authority to a Technology Investment Board, chaired by the County Executive, to determine what technology projects will be completed with the limited available resources.

In May 2013, the Technology Investment Board reviewed IT's work program and determined that the AOC Data Exchanges are not cost-justified. The estimate for completing the 66 data exchanges exceeds 3,000 hours. The Board directed IT to complete exchanges 1-6 (in-progress and nearing completion) and put the remaining work on hold.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our actions. Thank you for your organization's cooperation in the pilot project.

Regards,

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