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Subject: Dispatch proposal

Yesterday evening, my Chair asked me to give our conferees a dispatch counter proposal to consider for conversation with the Senate. Here below, in note form, is the proposal I offered. I have no idea if they are taking it into conference or not. Let me know if you have strong objections, understanding that we have to do more than “just say no” to the Senate proposal, particularly given the fragility of the system. If you have a further counter proposal, please let me know. We are needing to close as much as possible, as soon as possible.

Counter proposal

~ Up to \$5.5million total available for release from reserve; \$3 million among the 4 existing regionals plus \$2.4million among 2 new regionals equals \$5.4 million plus a small “cushion” to get to \$5.5 million

~ No dollars are released from reserve for any purpose without DPS providing to JFC details from the 6 received grant applications (the 4 existing + 2 new) specifying amount of money, in what timeline, to do what, etcetera

~ If additional \$\$ is needed among that group, up to an additional \$.5 million may be released by JFC upon request by DPS with relevant documentation of need; no more than \$6 million total may be released among the group of 4 existing centers plus 2 new centers

~ The remaining portion of the original \$11 million is held in reserve until all stipulations outlined in Senate version E209.1 are met