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Chris,

Thanks for taking my phone call earlier today. As I forecast on the call, the Council of State requests an extension of the period to review its proposed rules until the Rules Review Commission meeting on June 25, 2026. This would extend the Council of State's time to respond to the Request for Technical Changes until June 12, 2026.

An extension is necessary in order to give the members of the Council of State time to meet, discuss, and take action on the proposed rules in response to Rules Review Commission feedback. The proposed rules would be on the agenda for the May or June Council of State meetings.

An extension until the June RRC meeting avoids a very difficult scheduling interaction if the proposed rules were taken for approval to the May RRC meeting and the RRC members raised an objection. After the May 28 RRC meeting, the next monthly Council of State meeting will take place on June 2. That would require placing on the Council of State agenda, with only two business days' notice, any rule changes resulting from RRC objections. Hearing the Council of State rules at the June 25 RRC meeting allows more time between the RRC meeting and the next Council of State meeting, currently scheduled for July 7.

As I mentioned, I will be attending the April 28 Rules Review Commission meeting, and I will be available if any members of the Commission have any questions or concerns they would like to raise about the proposed rules.

Best wishes,

--Blake

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