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Mr. Ken Lawson, Executive Director  
Department of Economic Opportunity  
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Dear Director Lawson:

In a letter dated May 2, 2019, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee (Committee) requested, pursuant to Section 11.40(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, that the Department of Economic Opportunity (Department) proceed pursuant to the provisions specified in Section 189.062 or Section 189.067, *Florida Statutes*, against the Baker Fire District (District). Subsequently, in a letter dated June 28, 2019, the Committee requested that the District be removed from the list of special districts subject to further state action because the Committee Chairs had authorized additional time for the District to submit the required financial reports.

The additional time period has ended, and the District has still not submitted the Annual Financial Report and the Annual Financial Audit Report for FY 2016-17 as required by Sections 218.32 and 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, respectively. Therefore, the Committee requests that the Department proceed pursuant to the provisions specified in Section 189.062 or Section 189.067(3), *Florida Statutes*.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 487-4110.

Sincerely,

*Dull E. White*  
*for Kathryn H. DuBose*

Kathryn H. DuBose  
Coordinator

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