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## what's up doc?



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Dear Colleagues:

Today a great thing happened for me. I was called to the Governor's office and asked if I would be interested in being named "permanent" in the Deputy Secretary's job. I can't begin to tell you how honored I am to be asked to serve in this capacity. As all of you know, there is no such thing as a "permanent" anything, including a title or position. That is why we must seize the opportunities we are provided to make a difference now, not tomorrow or the next day. We've been granted this opportunity, and I know that we as a team will make the most of it. Our time is now.

I'm sure most of you have the impression that the Governor is all about business. And he is. He's all about the business of making this great state even better. He has high standards and expects us all to meet them. You know what, I appreciate that. His leadership will make our state – and our agency - better, and we will deliver.

OJJ will not be a disappointment. The reason I know we will move forward is because of you, our staff. I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you and see a lot of you over the last few days. I continue to be impressed with our staff and with the amount of knowledge and the level of skill you possess, your desire to do a good job, and willingness to work on issues and become better at what we do. We can build on what has already been done, and we can take the next steps. I know we are more than ready.

So, thanks to all of you for what you are doing every day. And thanks for your support as we move forward. We're shooting for the stars (not the stumps!).

Take care, and we'll talk again next week.

Sincerely,

"Doc"

No longer Interim Deputy Secretary

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