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Gerry,

I would like to discuss the following:

1. The workshop idea. I have reviewed my notes, and do not see where the commission limited the use of workshops to the BNRT. I also wonder what the wisdom is of not having workshops on two or three of the other items (in addition to BNRT), when the commission will be asked to fully understand each item, have all questions answered, and want input on the product. It seems to me that if, for example, a governor's appointee and a legislative appointee were interested in Split-Roll, they could assist the commission a great deal by conducting a workshop on that topic. Similarly, another governor's appointee and another legislative appointee may be interested in expanding sales tax to services, and hold a workshop on that topic (exploring the specific services, etc.). It would seem that staff will be asked to do this work in any event, so why not in a public forum, with transparency, and more full participation?

2. Working with You. I certainly have no objection to "work closely with the staff and (you)" on the Fuel Tax issue. As you know, I very much appreciate your leadership and service to the state on the commission.

3. The Fuel Tax. You suggested in an email that I may be changing the fuel tax proposal. I am not. I have attached a copy of the plan that the commission reviewed and incorporated, in full, into the range of options to be considered, and, as you can see, it is exactly as I characterized it in the email to you.

Again, thank you for your fine work.

Fred Keeley