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March 12, 2019

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to HB1122, the 2019-2020 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management:

Please insert the following sections and renumber accordingly:

SECTION X. APPROPRIATION – IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, to be payable from the Immediate Disaster Response Fund, for immediate expenses related to disaster response requests for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
<u>(01) IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

SECTION X. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12 is amended to add the following section:

§19-5-1264 . Immediate Disaster Response Fund.

- (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous revolving fund to be known as the “Immediate Disaster Response Fund”.
- (b) Reimbursements received from any federal, state or local government agency or other states shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the fund as a refund to expenditure.
- (c) The fund shall consist of such revenue as may be authorized by law.

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(d) The fund shall be used by the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management for immediate costs of disasters within the State and to assist other states in disaster response requests.

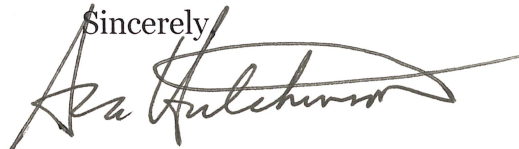
Please amend the emergency clause as follows:

SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the exception that Section X in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019, with the exception that Section X in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019; with the exception that Section X of this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

This allows the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management to more quickly respond to disasters and the amended emergency clause will allow this provision to be effective in the current fiscal year.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely

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Asa Hutchinson

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