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February 12, 2018

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 amendment to SB66, the 2018-2019 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services:

Please amend SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION – COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2018-2019	
(1) COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION	<del>\$5,000,000</del>	<u>\$6,400,000</u>

This request allows for the agency to support the costs associated with the establishment of an additional Crisis Stabilization Center.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to SB53, the 2018-2019 Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the Assessment Coordination Department.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS, as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2018	2019
(05) ASSESSOR'S SCHOOL	200,000	325,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<del>3,331,684</del>	<del>3,456,684</del>

This increase provides for continued implementation of Act 659 of 2017, which requires comprehensive classroom training courses and online Equalization Board Continuing Education and an increased number of assessors' classes due to turnover in the county assessors' offices and the needs of assessors' offices.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to SB10, the Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Higher Education:

Please amend SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS, as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR
		2018-2019
(02)	DENTAL AID - GRANTS	2,750,000
(03)	OPTOMETRY AID - GRANTS	500,000
(06)	VETERINARY AID	1,500,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$6,567,770

This request will allow the Department of Higher Education to distribute aid to all eligible Arkansas students who attend medical professional programs not offered in the State of Arkansas.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request for the following amendment to SB33, the 2018-2019 Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Education – Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs, as follows:

Please amend SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS.

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR
		2018-2019
(04) ALTERNATIVE LEARNING	-26,394,317	<u>26,594,317</u>
(36) NATIONAL BOARD OF PROF TEACHING STANDARDS	16,532,100	18,705,000
(37) NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH	226,465,557	232,465,557
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,973,671,921</u>	<u>\$2,982,044,821</u>

This request is based upon updated estimates from the Department of Education, and if the need for the additional appropriation materializes, funding will come from balances in the Public School Fund.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request amendment to HB1059, the 2018-2019 Operations Appropriation bill for the Department of Education – Educational Television Division, as follows:

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS.

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2018-2019	
(04) MAINT. AND GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	518,979	818,979
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$5,279,780</u>	<u>\$5,579,780</u>

This request will allow the agency to move forward on the implementation of long-term operational efficiencies through the utilization of new services and technology. This request will not require additional General Revenue funding.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to HB1074, the 2018-2019 Operations Appropriation Bill for the State Securities Department:

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2018-2019
(10)	X032C	SENIOR SECURITIES EXAMINER	<del>10</del> 9	GRADE GS09
		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>38</del> 37	

The State Securities Department is requesting the surrender of one (1) Senior Securities Examiner position. Prior to the upcoming merger of the Cemetery Board into the Insurance Department, this position has been utilized to perform the duties of the Cemetery Board.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION- OPERATIONS as follows:

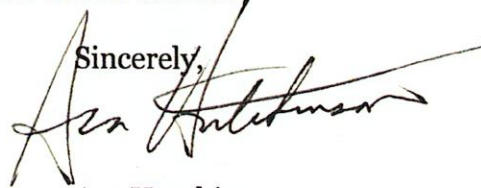
ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,977,302 <u>\$1,930,704</u>
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	641,799 <u>626,322</u>
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSES	470,660 <u>530,660</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,211,745</u> <u>\$3,209,670</u>



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The reduction in regular salaries and personal services matching correspond with the surrender of one (1) position. The additional operating expenses appropriation provides for costs that were paid by the Cemetery Board prior to merging into the Insurance Department. These changes will result in a net reduction in appropriation.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to SB65, the 2018-2019 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, as follows:

Please amend SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS.

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR	
	2018-2019	2018-2019
(06) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	<del>600,000</del>	<u>900,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><del>\$16,419,275</del></u>	<u>\$16,719,275</u>

This additional appropriation will accommodate projected increases in foreign contracts.

Please insert the following two (2) new SECTIONS and renumber accordingly:

**SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION – MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN MOBILIZATION.** There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, for promotion and development of minority and women-owned business enterprises in the state, increasing the ability of minority and women-owned business enterprises to compete for state contracts, and sustaining the economic growth of minority and women-owned business enterprises for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:



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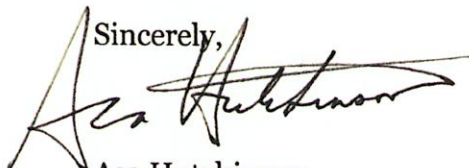
ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
(01) MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MOBLIZATION	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. A sum not to exceed \$500,000 may be transferred from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriations contained herein. Any remaining funds shall be carried forward and made available for the same purpose for the following fiscal year. Such transfer request shall be made by the Director to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and upon his approval and prior review of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, said transfer shall be made on his books and those of the Treasurer of the State and the Auditor of the State.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Provisions of Act 1080 of 2017 expanded the Minority Business Economic Development Act to include women-owned business enterprises. This request provides for the use of operational savings to respond to the expanded eligibility for the program.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request amendment to HB1079, the 2018-2019 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Correction, as follows:

Please amend SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION – COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT.

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
(01)	REIMBURSEMENTS TO COUNTIES HOUSING STATE INMATES	
		<u>\$ 17,453,607</u>
		<del>\$ 13,453,607</del>

This request provides additional appropriation for reimbursements to counties housing state inmates to support the increased general revenue allocation presented in the balanced budget.

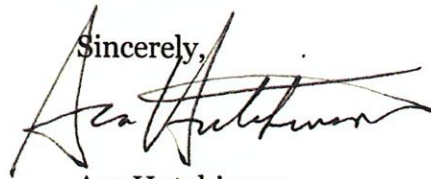
Please amend SECTION 19. HOLIDAY COMPENSATION.

<del>S044C</del>	<del>FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER</del>	<del>GRADE GS04</del>
<del>S056C</del>	<del>FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR</del>	<del>GRADE GS03</del>
<u>T059C</u>	<u>ADC/DCC FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER</u>	<u>GRADE GS05</u>
<u>T070C</u>	<u>ADC/DCC FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>GRADE GS04</u>

This request provides for a technical correction by amending two positions in special language to correspond with currently authorized positions as reflected in the regular salary section.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "H".

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