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STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

January 09, 2017

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:

Please find attached an appropriation bill for the session expenses of my office. This request seeks no additional spending authority, reflecting appropriation amounts less than those amounts established for the 2015 Legislative Session. This bill will ensure the efficient operation of this Office during the 91st General Assembly.

I respectfully request introduction of this bill as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson

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Attachment

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

1 State of Arkansas
2 91st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2017

A Bill

4 By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

7 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF
8 THE GOVERNOR'S LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS DURING THE
9 NINETY-FIRST SESSION OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR -
16 LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS APPROPRIATION.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE. There is hereby
21 appropriated, to the Office of the Governor, to be payable from the
22 Constitutional Officers Fund, for operating expenses of the Office of the
23 Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

| 25 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 26 NO. | 2016-2017 |
| 27 (01) MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND EXPENSES | \$ <u>226,250</u> |

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29 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LIAISONS
31 AUTHORIZED. The Governor is hereby authorized to employ one (1) Lead
32 Legislative Liaison who shall serve without pay but shall be entitled to per
33 diem of up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each day the
34 General Assembly is in regular session and nine (9) Legislative Liaisons who
35 shall serve without pay but shall each be entitled to per diem of up to two
36 hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each day the General Assembly is in regular

1 session. After receiving approval of the Governor, the Department of Finance
2 and Administration - Management Services Division is hereby authorized to
3 process payments to said Liaisons from funds authorized by this Act.
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5 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PAYMENT OF
7 PER DIEM. Per diem as authorized in Section 2 of this Act shall be in effect
8 from and after January 9, 2017.
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10 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
11 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
12 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
13 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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20 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
21 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
22 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
23 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
24 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
26 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
27 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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29 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
30 Assembly that the effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and
31 approval is essential to the operation of the agency for which the
32 appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an
33 extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act
34 beyond the date of its passage and approval could work irreparable harm upon
35 the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
36 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being

1 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
2 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
3 passage and approval. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the
4 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time
5 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the
6 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date
7 the last house overrides the veto.

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