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## State of Arkansas

March 6, 2020

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

Dear Senator Teague and Representative Jean:

The Auditor of State's office is requesting a budget changes as follows:

HSC5900 122 – Auditor of State's office will pay third party auditors' fees. The fees will be paid out of Professional Fees. Currently, these fees are deducted from proceeds of third party audits. The proposed change is cost neutral. It is simply a change in which mechanism is used to pay these vendors. This change will increase transparency and provide for enhanced oversight. As a reminder, this entire budget is self-funded and not a taxpayer expense.

Increase :10 Professional Fees from \$120,000 to \$1,120,000.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Lea".

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