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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 7, 2016

Honorable Larry Teague
Honorable Lane Jean
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas State Capitol
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Teague and Representative Jean,

The Office of Lieutenant Governor ("The Office") is requesting that the following changes be made to its fiscal year 2017 appropriations bill.

The Office is looking to eliminate one staff position, reduce the line-item maximum salary of the third staff position, and raise the line item maximum salaries for the first two staff positions. Our requested changes are reflected as follows:


Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2016-2017
(1)	CHIEF OF STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL	1	\$95,000
(2)	COMMUNICATIONS AND POLICY DIRECTOR	1	\$70,000
(3)	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND SCHEDULER	1	\$40,000
(4)	GOV RELATIONS / CONST SERV DIRECTOR	1	\$53,319
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		3	

The Office is also looking to eliminate its three temporary or part-time "Extra Help" positions and allocate a portion of the Office's savings to its operating expense budget. Accordingly, our requested changes to the Appropriation-Operations Section of our appropriation bill would read:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
(1)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$205,000
(2)	EXTRA HELP	\$10,000
(2)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$66,678
(3)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$52,304
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	\$16,695
	(C) PROF. FEES	\$0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	\$0
	(E) DATA PROC.	\$0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$340,677</u>

The Office of Lieutenant Governor seeks these changes in order to operate more efficiently with a reduced cost to Arkansans. These proposed changes will reduce the workforce within the Office of Lieutenant Governor by 25% and will reduce its budget by over 15% constituting a savings of \$62,491 and allowing it to serve as a better steward of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,


 Scott Barton
 Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel
 Office of Lieutenant Governor Jim Griffin