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July 9, 2020

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair
Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Various Temporary Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 2 of 2020, Section 34, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Various Temporary Appropriation for State Agencies and Institutions Request(s) for Fiscal Year 2021 that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



Asa Hutchinson
Governor

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Wes Ward
Secretary of Agriculture

June 25, 2020

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 402
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Re: Arkansas Department of Agriculture Request for Temporary Appropriation Pursuant to Act 2 of 2020 to Provide Relief Due to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture respectfully requests your approval for one-time, temporary appropriation pursuant to Section 34 of Act 2 of 2020 in the amount of \$692,809 for FY2021.

Section 9 of Act 177 of 2020 authorizes the Arkansas Department of Agriculture to make payments for show premiums, refunds, and reimbursements to fairs, shows, and other events and entities. The COVID-19 pandemic has severely limited the ability of these entities to hold these events.

If approved, the Department will use the temporary appropriation to reallocate funds in Section 9 of Act 177 of 2020 to the same recipients but with the needed flexibility during this time to defray other unavoidable expenses. The temporary appropriation will provide much-needed relief without additional cost to the State of Arkansas.

I appreciate your consideration and hope you will let me know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Wesley W. Ward
Secretary of Agriculture
State of Arkansas