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

RE: FY16 Tobacco Settlement Carry Forward

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Tobacco Settlement Account Funding Request for carry forward of funds into the next biennium. I have determined that sufficient justification exists for this funding to be carried over to the next biennium and the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission has Certified that the criteria has been met as established by the Arkansas Code §19-12-108 and referenced in the attached letters from Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission. I am seeking your review prior to my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry W. Walther".

Larry W. Walther
Director

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Attachment(s)

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

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May 29, 2015

Larry Walther, Director
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West 7th Street, Room 401
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Dear Director Walther:

Please accept this letter as certification of compliance for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission.

Under §19-12-108 of the Arkansas Code, you have the authority to authorize the carry-over of funds from one biennium to the next for any of the seven funded Tobacco Settlement Programs, after an official request from the agency program director. Arkansas Minority Health Commission has informed the Commission of its request to you for the transfer of funds over the biennium for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission.

The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission certifies that the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is in compliance with all provisions listed in Arkansas Code §19-12-118.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Hanrahan, PhD
Dean, ASU College of Nursing & Health Professions
Chairman, Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

Cc: Betty Guhman, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
Michael Knox, Executive Director, Arkansas Minority Health
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May 29, 2015

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Dear Director Walther:

Please accept this letter as certification of compliance for the Department of Human Services (DHS) Medicaid Expansion Program.

Under §19-12-108 of the Arkansas Code, you have the authority to authorize the carry-over of funds from one biennium to the next for any of the seven funded Tobacco Settlement Programs, after an official request from the agency program director. DHS has informed the Commission of its request to you for the transfer of funds over the biennium for the DHS Medicaid Expansion Program.

The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission certifies that the DHS Medicaid Expansion Program is in compliance with all provisions listed in Arkansas Code §19-12-118.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Hanrahan, PhD
Dean, ASU College of Nursing & Health Professions
Chairman, Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission

Cc: Betty Guhman, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
John Selig, Director, Department of Human Services
Delia Anderson, Director, DHS Department of County Operations
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May 8, 2015

Larry W. Walther, Director
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Dear Director Walther:

Under §19-12-108 of the Arkansas Code, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission (AMHC) respectfully requests that the fund balance in the Targeted State Needs Program Account (TSE0100) on June 30th, 2015, be carried over into the next biennium. This account consists of unspent tobacco settlements funds which are necessary to facilitate the mission and vision of the AMHC.

Arkansas Minority Health Commission was unable to actualize all its objectives due to various factors that culminated with the departure of the former Executive Director in October 2014. Additionally, it took five months to advertise, interview, and offer and acceptance for the new Executive Director. Mr. Walther, as the new Executive Director, I am requesting an opportunity to utilize those funds to aggressively and systematically tackle the major health issues that plague Arkansans. It is my hope that as the new Executive Director that I am afforded the chance to make right by those funds for the good of the people.

The Act requires that the AMHC certify that we are in compliance with §19-12-118 as a condition of you approving this request

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael Knox'.

Michael Knox, M.S., M.P.H., DrPH candidate
Executive Director
Arkansas Minority Health Commission



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May 7, 2015

Mr. Larry Walther, Director
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Dear Mr. Walther:

Pursuant to A.C.A. §19-12-108, I respectfully request that the fund balance in the Medicaid Expansion Program Account (TSG0100) on June 30, 2015, be carried over into the next biennium. This account consists of unspent tobacco settlement funds which are used to fund the Medicaid Expansion Program.

As you are aware, The Executive Recommendations for the 2015-2017 Biennium included the carry-over of unspent tobacco settlement funds into the next biennium in order to fully fund the Medicaid budget. The adequacy of our Medicaid budget for the next biennium is dependent on our ability to use these funds.

The Act requires that the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission certify that we are in compliance with §19-12-118 as a condition of your approving this request. Attached is the letter we sent to the commission requesting that certification; we have requested that they forward their certification directly to you.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Selig".

John Selig
Director

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