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Secretary of Commerce,
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Development Commission

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Senator Kim Hammer & Representative Les Eaves
Co-Chairs
Administrative Rules Subcommittee
Arkansas Legislative Council
One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Request to Exclude Act 594 from Act 595 Status Report

Dear Senator Hammer and Representative Eaves:

Act 594 of 2021 created the Logging and Wood Fiber Transportation Job Creation Incentive Act, which provides for a new tax credit on qualified equipment purchases related to qualified wood energy product and forest maintenance projects.

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission respectfully requests that Act 594 be excluded from AEDC's reporting obligations to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee under Act 595 of 2021. AEDC has determined that a rule is not required for Act 594 in that the act does not explicitly confer rulemaking authority on AEDC, and the text of the act is sufficiently specific to enable AEDC to administer the tax credit program. A rule would merely restate the text of the law, resulting in unnecessary rule promulgation.

Thank you for considering our request, and please advise if you or any other members have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Hudson".

Jim Hudson
Deputy Director – Operations & General Counsel