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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: C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 2 of 2020, Section 38, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

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Larry W. Walther Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



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Secretary Larry W. Walther Department of Finance and Administration 1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401 Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation under Act 2 of 2020, Sec. 36

Dear Secretary Walther,

I respectfully request your approval for a new appropriation within the Department of Human Services – Secretary's Office/DHS Administration utilizing the C.A.R.E.S Appropriation as authorized under Act 2 of 2020.

This appropriation will be necessary to expend funds allocated by the C.A.R.E.S. Act Steering Committee to help respond to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. The requested appropriation will support the (3) items listed below:

- COVID-19 Care Continuity Emergency Response Reimbursement Payments: \$23,425,000
- Fund Payments to Nursing Facilities Due to COVID-19 Emergency: \$45,000,000
- Fund Continuity of Care Payments for Hospital & Health Care Facility Workers: \$80,000,000

Total Appropriation Requested Grants and Aid (510:00:04) \$148,425,000

Sincerely,

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Cindy Gillespie Secretary