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The Honorable Henry Wilkins IV, Chair
The Honorable Allen Maxwell, Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Wilkins and Representative Maxwell:

According to the provisions of A.C.A. §19-5-1018, state institutions of higher education share in the distribution of monies received by the state from the United States government from the sale or lease of minerals, oil, and gas on federal property located in the state. Section 22 of Act 286 of 2010 states "After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, the next \$10,000,000 or so much as is collected, is to be transferred to the Research Development Fund there to be used as provided by law."

According to A.C.A. §6-61-801 et. seq., the Arkansas Research Development Program is established for providing Arkansas Research Development Program Grants to publicly-supported universities in Arkansas by the Department of Higher Education. The statute requires that the funds be disbursed by the Director of the Department of Higher Education after review by the Legislative Council.

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the distribution of \$1,000,000 from the Research Development Fund to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville at its regular board meeting on July 30, 2010. Therefore, in accordance with A.C.A. §6-61-808, we submit this distribution of funds for review by the Legislative Council.

Sincerely,



Jim Purcell, Ed.D.
Director