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Honorable Terry Rice, Senate Co-Chair Honorable Jeff Wardlaw, House Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council Arkansas State Capitol 500 Woodlane St. Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Rice and Representative Wardlaw:

Arkansas Legislative Audit (ALA) respectfully requests a supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025. The supplemental appropriation is necessary to allow for an internship program within ALA for the summer of 2025. We are asking for ten (10) temporary or part-time employees to be categorized as "Extra Help". The total estimated cost for four weeks in Fiscal Year 2025 is \$47,220 allocated as follows:

- 1. Extra Help salaries \$38,400
- 2. Personal services matching \$8,820

The accounting industry has become increasingly competitive due to a drop in college students majoring in accounting over the past few years. The addition of an internship program will help ALA promote employment within state government.

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