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Larry Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street, Room 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Walther:

Since taking office, I have communicated monthly with the leadership of the Arkansas General Assembly regarding the expense budget of the Trial Judges and the District Judge Travel budget. As of April 1, 2023:

Of the \$400,000.00 appropriated for Trial Judge Expenses, \$175,959.30 has been spent, leaving \$224,040.70 remaining in that line item. This breaks down to 44% used and 56% remaining, with three (3) months or 25% of the fiscal year left.

Of the \$60,000.00 appropriated for District Judge Travel Expenses, \$47,902.06 has been spent, leaving \$12,097.94 remaining in that line item. This breaks down to 80% used and 20% remaining, with three (3) months or 25% of the fiscal year left.

As you can see, spending from the District Judge Travel Expenses line item could result in a funding shortfall prior to fiscal year-end. Their average is about \$6,666.67 per month. I request an additional \$15,000.00, raising the appropriation level to \$75,000.00, in hopes the additional funds will cover their expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

If you or the General Assembly have any questions and/or concerns about the status of either line item, my office will gladly provide you with any financial records you might need. However, questions about specific expenditures may be best directed to the Administrative Office of the Courts, or the specific judge at issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Milligan".

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