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Senator Jonathan Dismang, Chair Representative Frances Cavenaugh, Chair Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §19-5-202, I am recommending a reduction from 2.1% to 2.0% in the percentage deduction for the State Central Services Fund for Fiscal Year 2025, effective July 1, 2024.

Current projections of income and expenditures for the State Central Services Fund indicate that reducing the current deduction to 2.0% on both general and special revenues will provide sufficient funding for agencies operating from the Fund.

This deduction for the State Central Services Fund has been included in the general revenues available for distribution to state agencies under the current Official Forecast of General Revenue for the 2025 fiscal year.

I would appreciate your approval of this request.

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson Cabinet Secretary

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