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Senator Bel Gilmore, Chair Representative Les Eaves, Chair Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §19-5-202, 1 am recommending remaining at a 2.0% deduction for the State Central Services Fund for Fiscal Year 2026, effective July 1, 2025.

Current projections of income and expenditures for the State Central Services Fund indicate that keeping the current deduction at 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 2026 fiscal year.

I would appreciate your approval of this request.

Sincerely.

James L. Hudson Cabinet Secretary

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