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The Honorable Keith Ingram, Chair
The Honorable Chris Richey, Chair
Arkansas Lottery Legislative Oversight Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Ingram and Representative Richey:

In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated 6-85-219(b), I am submitting for your review the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) recommendations for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

I propose an evaluation and analysis of the scholarship with the following principles in mind:

- The scholarship program should be reviewed in conjunction with other state financial aid programs to ensure that college affordability combined with student performance is a priority.
- Consideration given to increasing the amount of expenditures allowed from \$12 million to \$15 million for the nontraditional student population.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Markham".

Maria Markham, Ph.D.
Director