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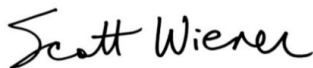
Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated March 13, 2025, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Control Section 28.00 in the *Budget Act of 2022-23*, of a request from the Department of Public Health (DPH) to increase federal spending authority by \$4.6 million. You also requested JLBC waive the 30-day review period.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Medicare and Medicaid recently awarded DPH with \$6 million in supplemental funding for federally mandated surveying activities conducted in fiscal year 2022-23. DPH needs an additional \$4.6 million in expenditure authority to account for the full amount of the award.

I concur with the proposed adjustment and approve your request to waive the remainder of the 30-day review period in order to properly account for the additional federal funds before the State Controller begins locking the clearing accounts. In the future, I ask that the Department of Finance process Control Section 28.00 notifications in a more timely manner to allow for a thorough review by the JLBC.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee