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June 15, 2021

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director  
Department of Finance  
Room 1145, State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated June 3, 2020, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Section 28.00 of the *2020-21 Budget Act*, of the Department of Finance's (DOF) plan to allocate \$609,130,638 to support cities with their ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response efforts. The notification provides for the expenditure of federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Cities will be authorized to use the funding for a wide-range of COVID-19-related activities including public health programs, assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality or public infrastructure improvements.

I have reviewed the request and concluded that the proposed use of the funds will help cities recover from the pandemic and is therefore justified. In addition, I waive the 30-day review period to allow DOF to promptly disburse the funds to local agencies.

Sincerely,



Nancy Skinner  
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee