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April 11, 2023

Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director Department of Finance 1021 O Street, Suite 3110 Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated March 28, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to Control Section 28 in the 2022-23 Budget Act, of a request from the Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) to increase federal fund spending authority by \$82,303,000. The additional authority is related to the receipt of supplemental funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The letter asks for a waiver from the 30-day legislative review period.

LIHEAP is an important program that provides financial assistance to help offset the costs of heating and cooling of residential dwellings, for energy-related emergencies, and weatherization services to improve the energy-efficiency of homes.

I have concluded the change in spending authority is aligned with the requirements of Section 28.00 and concur with the request. To ensure CSD can obligate the funds by the federal deadline of September 30, 2023, I waive the remainder of the 30-day review period.

Sincerely,

Nanck Skinner

Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

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