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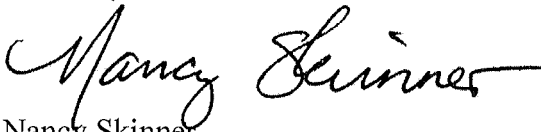
Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director
Department of Finance
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Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated June 6, 2023, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to Item 0890-001-0001, Provision 6 in the *2022-23 Budget Act*, of a request from the Secretary of State (SOS) for an augmentation of \$1,481,000 to cover unanticipated costs for legal services provided by the Department of Justice. Expenditures for litigation activities exceeded the SOS's current appropriation amount for the current fiscal year.

I have reviewed the request and concur with the augmentation. In addition, I waive the remainder of the 30-day review period, in order to allow the SOS to reimburse the Attorney General's office before the end of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,



Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee