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

Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated October 28, 2022, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to Item 0890-001-0001, Provision 5 in the *2022-23 Budget Act*, of a request from the Secretary of State (SOS) to use \$3,240,000 for the California Automated Lobbyist and Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Search System (Cal-ACCESS) Replacement System project.

After meeting with the SOS, the department has modified its original request and is instead requesting \$1,100,000 for staffing and technology costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.

I have reviewed the notification and the revised budget proposal and approve the release of \$1.1 million. In addition, to allow the SOS to move forward with hiring the necessary staff, I waive the remainder of the 30-day review period.

Sincerely,



Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee