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June 9, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated May 27, 2021, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Section 28.00 of the *2020-21 Budget Act*, of a request from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) to increase its Federal Trust Fund authority in Item 4100-001-0890 by \$458,000. The funds will be used for vaccine-related activities including education about the importance of getting vaccinated, help with scheduling vaccine appointments, arranging transportation, companion support, and providing technical assistance to local health departments.

Technically, I am not convinced the request meets all of the requirements of Section 28.00. The notification letter states, "the need exists to expend the additional funding during the current fiscal year in order to comply with the terms of the federal grant." However, the terms of the grant give SCDD until September 2022 to fully expend the funding.

Despite my concern, I concur with the request because I am concerned about the decline in the number of people getting the vaccine. These funds will allow SCDD to partner with local health agencies to target the harder to reach populations within the intellectual and developmental disability community at this very critical time. Therefore, I approve your request to waive the remainder of the 30-day review period.

Sincerely,



Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc:Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee