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June 10, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated June 8, 2020, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Section 36.00, Chapter 2, Statutes of 2020, of your intention to augment the *2019 Budget Act* to assist state and local governments and nonprofits in protecting the health and safety of the public and reducing the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Specifically, Item 5180-151-0001 is augmented by \$5,000,000 for the Department of Social Services to contract with foodbanks, tribes and tribal organizations to help address the increases in food needs among low-income and food-insecure populations. This is the second of two augmentations that have been made to support food assistance programs. In total, the Administration has provided \$25 million for the purchase of approximately 953,000 food boxes for distribution by tribes, tribal organizations and the 50 food banks that serve the 58 counties.

Given the severity of the COVID-19 crisis, I concur with the spending request.

Sincerely



Holly J. Mitchell  
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee