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June 15, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated June 2, 2021, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to the provisions of Section 28.00 of the *2020-21 Budget Act*, of a request from the Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet) to increase its Federal Trust Fund authority by \$2,000,000 to account for a federal grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The funding will be used to offset General Fund expenditures for COVID-19 infection control measures at the Veterans Homes in West Los Angeles and Barstow.

As I have noted in some of my other recent correspondences, this request, like a number of other Section 28.00 letters, could have been made earlier since CalVet notified the Department of Finance of this funding on March 18 and funds were received beginning on April 28. I want to make sure we draw down all available federal funds and our ability to properly account for these funds requires prompt notification of the JLBC. In anticipation of receiving additional federal funds, I respectfully request that the administration ensure future funding adjustments are handled in a timely manner, as envisioned in Section 28.00, and in those instances where notification is delayed that the reason for the delay is specified.

To make certain we are taking full advantage of federal funds and maximizing reimbursements for General Fund expenses, I concur with the request and waive the remainder of the 30-day review period so the Department of Finance and the State Controller's Office can make the necessary accounting changes before the end of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Skinner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee