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State of Arkansas

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Honorable Breanne Davis, Co-Chair
Honorable Les Warren, Co-Chair
Personnel Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council
Arkansas General Assembly
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Davis and Representative Warren:

In accordance with Arkansas Code 21-5-225(f)(1)(A), I am requesting the following three (3) positions from the position pool for elected Constitutional officers of the state:

- (1) Position for Auditor of State's office, Government Affairs, SPC05, \$106,570
- (2) Unclaimed Property Claims Examiner I, SPC01 \$72,788
- (3) Unclaimed Property Compliance Agent I, SPC01 \$72,788

The Claims Examiner I and Compliance Agent I positions are critical to maintaining our statutory obligation to process claims within the mandated 90-day approval period, as our current backlog sits precisely at this threshold and volume continues to steadily increase to more than 34,000 claims filed annually. The urgency of filling these positions immediately is compounded by the extensive training period required before these specialized staff members achieve full operational competency.

The Government Affairs position addresses a significant operational gap, as the Auditor of State's office lacks a dedicated government relations position to manage legislative coordination, stakeholder engagement, and policy development. This position is necessary as it remains the only constitutional office in Arkansas besides the Lieutenant Governor's office without such a position to support our expanding unclaimed property operations and to modernize our office.

I am committed to demonstrating through performance and operational outcomes that these positions will deliver measurable value to Arkansans. I intend to return to this Committee with a formal request to convert these temporary positions to permanent appropriations in the next fiscal year.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Milligan".

Dennis Milligan
Auditor of State