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The Honorable Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore
NC Senate
16 West Jones Street, Room 2008
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Thom Tillis, Speaker
NC House of Representatives
16 West Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

Dear President Pro-Tempore Berger and Speaker Tillis:

Pursuant to Session Law 2013-360, Section 12J.1.(c), the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) respectfully submits this letter to report increased federal fund availability for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) block grant. The Department of Health and Human Services has allocated the increase proportionally across the block grant's activities and no new programs or activities have been appropriated. This is consistent with the requirements prescribed in Session Law 2013-360, Section 12J.1.(c) which states "If the Congress of the United States increases the federal fund availability for any of the Block Grants or contingency funds and other grants related to existing Block Grants administered by the Department of Health and Human Services from the amounts appropriated in this section, the Department shall allocate the increase proportionally across the program and activity appropriations identified for that Block Grant in this section. In allocating an increase in federal fund availability, the Office of State Budget and Management shall not approve funding for new programs or activities not appropriated in this section."

If further information is needed, please contact Pam Kilpatrick, Assistant State Budget Officer for Health and Human Services, by telephone at (919) 807-4722 or by email at pam.kilpatrick@osbm.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Art Pope, Director

cc: Senator Ralph Hise, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Louis Pate, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
Representative Marilyn Avila, Chair, House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
Representative William Brisson, Chair, House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
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