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Co-Chairs and Director Trogdon:

Section 1.2 of Session Law 2020-97, which added a new Section 114e to Section 3.3 to Session Law 2020-4 (as amended by Section 3 of Session Law 2020-32, Section 4 of Session Law 2020-49, Section 1.1(d) of Session Law 2020-80, Section 3B(b) of Session Law 2020-88, and Section 4.9(a) of Session Law 2020-91), allocated \$5,750,000 to the North Carolina Assisted Living Association (NCALA) to be used for the following materials for our member facilities:

- *COVID-19 related supplies and equipment necessary for life safety, health, and sanitation, such as ventilators, touch-free thermometers, gowns, disinfectant, and sanitizing wipes.*
- *Personal protective equipment, such as surgical and respiratory masks and gloves, which meets Centers for Disease Control and Prevention standards and guidelines.*

This provision further required NCALA to submit a report on our use of these funds by February 1, 2022. Please allow this letter to constitute that required report.

Following the enactment of S.L. 2020-97, the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) prepared, and both it and NCALA executed, Grant 114-07. The North Carolina Assisted Living Association gathered information from our members about the types of equipment this grant could pay for that would be most needed. What we learned is that adult care homes and family care homes needed more masks and gowns than other COVID-19 supplies and equipment.

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and NCSLA, through collaboration and member data survey analysis, decided that NCALA would use the \$5,750,000 to purchase gowns and masks and the NCSLA would purchase the other required COVID-19 related supplies and equipment.

After collaboration with the North Carolina Senior Living Association and making the decision that the \$5,750,000 grant money awarded by Session Law 2020-97 to North Carolina Assisted Living Association would be used to purchase gowns and gloves, NCALA entered into an agreement with Healthcare Asset Network, Inc. DBA Handle Global for the purchase and shipment of gowns and gloves.

To receive grant funds, member facilities had to have a current Family Care Home or Adult Care Home license. NCALA identified 1,105 member facilities that met this licensure requirement. Of the \$5,750,000 grant, \$5,508,156 was paid to Handle Global for the purchase of gowns and masks. \$89,100 was paid to TNG DX LLC for gowns and gloves, and \$104,950.56 was paid to Handle Global for handheld infrared thermometers.

Working together with NCSLA, NCALA completed the distribution of PPE to member facilities by the summer of 2021 and returned unspent funds of \$3,433.89 on January 6, 2022, to the Office of State Budget and Management.

On behalf of North Carolina's adult care and family care homes, thank you for the support provided by this grant. If we can answer any questions or provide any additional information on the topics covered herein, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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