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The Honorable Sarah Anthony, Chair Senate Appropriations Committee Michigan State Senate State Capitol Lansing, Michigan 48909 The Honorable Angela Witwer, Chair House Appropriations Committee Michigan House of Representatives State Capitol Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Legislators:

SUBJECT: Legislative Transfer Request 2023-2

I recommend the following fiscal year 2023 legislative transfer for your approval. This transfer is in accordance with section 393(2) of Act No. 431, P.A. 1984, as amended and is recommended for approval by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

The following information summarizes the transfer recommendation:

Department

Transfer Amount

Labor and Economic Opportunity

\$210,000,000

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact my office at (517) 335-3420.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Harkins

State Budget Director

Attachment

cc: Winnie Brinks, Senate Majority Leader Joe Tate, Speaker of the House Aric Nesbitt, Senate Minority Leader Matt Hall, House Minority Leader Senate Appropriations Committee House Appropriations Committee Senate Fiscal Agency House Fiscal Agency Departments
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Labor and Economic Opportunity

FROM: BOILERPLATE APPROPRIATIONS

Contingency funds B24000 (210,000,000)
State restricted contingency revenues 376 2015 STRS (210,000,000)

TO: ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

Critical industry program T38773 210,000,000

Strategic outreach and attraction reserve fund transfer to Michigan 2658 STRS

strategic fund 2000 31K3 210,000,000

This transfer provides \$210 million in state restricted contingency authorization to the Critical Industry Program (CIP) pursuant to Sec. 406 of PA 194 of 2022 and Sec. 311 of PA 1 of 2023. Funds are transferred into the Critical Industry Program in support of a transformational investment project involving Ford Motor Company for a new electric vehicle (EV) battery manufacturing facility in Calhoun County. The Michigan Strategic Fund Board approved performance-based incentives for this project on February 13, 2023. The project secures an up to \$3.5 billion investment in Michigan by Ford Motor Company and the creation of 2,500 new jobs. The \$210 million transfer to CIP will support the creation of a new 2.5 million square foot EV battery manufacturing facility in Marshall to manufacture batteries that will go into several of the company's key electric vehicles and supports the company's goal of producing two million electric vehicles annually by 2026. It is anticipated that the project will require additional state investment to fund further land acquisition and site development activities in support of this transformational investment that will further strengthen Michigan's position in the rapidly evolving automotive industry.

Revenue to support this transfer is available in the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve Fund (SOAR), created in PA 137 of 2021, and appropriated \$846.1 million in PA 194 of 2022 and \$150 million in PA 1 of 2023. Transfer request 2023-1 recommended \$435.0 million for three MSF Board approved projects, one of which has been approved to date by the Legislature for \$60 million. Factoring in the outstanding pending requests, there is \$561.1 million in the SOAR fund to support this request. This transfer is in compliance with the statutory requirements for the use and expenditure of the SOAR fund in its enacting legislation.