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The Honorable Asa Hutchinson State Capitol Room 250 500 Woodlane Ave. Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson,

After much conversation with our respective members, it is clear that there is sufficient support in both chambers for the Arkansas Works proposal. Unfortunately, there's not a consensus on the cost savings strategy for traditional Medicaid at this time. We are committed to limiting the special session to three days. Given the close proximity to the April 13, 2016 Fiscal Session, I join President Dismang in respectfully requesting that any legislation addressing that strategy be omitted from the call.

However, we do ask that if a consensus is reached between now and the start to the Special Session, that you amend the call to reflect that consensus.

Thank you for your openness and willingness to work with our members as they continue to work through this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Gillam

Speaker of the House