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Joanne Moore, Director
Office of Public Defense
P.O. Box 40957
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Dear Director Moore:

Pursuant to enactment of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136), I hereby allocate \$1,500,000 to the Office of Public Defense from General Fund-Federal (Coronavirus Relief Funds) to reimburse public defense attorneys and contractors for COVID-19-related expenses.

This allocation is provided to establish a reimbursement program at the Office of Public Defense to pay for COVID-19 technology costs and personal protective equipment for constitutionally required public defense attorneys. This program will allow public defenders to increase their average caseload, which will significantly reduce the current backlog in the courts and ensure access to justice.

According to guidance issued by the federal government on the Coronavirus Relief Funds, for a cost to be considered to have been incurred, the performance or delivery must take place by December 30, 2020, but payment can occur up to 90 days afterwards.

The Office of Financial Management has approved this allocation in Unanticipated Receipt #0148. Using expenditure authority code 7Z0, please submit the required allotment amendment packet to the Office of Financial Management using the "Operating Allocation" packet type.

We appreciate your continued efforts in responding to this health crisis. If you have any questions, please contact OFM Budget Operations at (360) 902-0555 or budget.operations@ofm.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Schumacher".

David Schumacher
Director

cc: Charlie Gavigan, Staff Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee
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