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Greetings,

Thank you for the work you do every day to move Michigan forward.

As you are likely aware, the majority in the House Committee on Appropriations voted to unilaterally disapprove \$645 million of non-statutory work projects. This action has caused massive uncertainty for recipients and the Michiganders they serve.

Many of the affected projects are already underway and directly impact Michiganders' ability to access good-paying jobs, quality, affordable health care, public safety services, reliable infrastructure, and other critical services.

I recognize that your organization may have a number of questions regarding this funding. That's why I immediately directed the State Budget Office to review existing contracts, obligations, and encumbrances to determine implications for any affected funds. Please know that this work is ongoing and we will reach out with updates or requests for additional information.

The House's actions have led to questions about the legality of unilaterally stripping away previously authorized appropriations. On December 16, Senate Appropriations Chair Sarah Anthony submitted a letter to Attorney General Dana Nessel requesting an opinion on the legality of the actions. A formal legal opinion will help inform the administration's next steps.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility. Additional guidance will be provided as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor