

July 29, 2026

The Honorable Martin M. Looney, President Pro Tempore

The Honorable Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Stephen Harding, Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Matthew Ritter, Speaker of the House

The Honorable Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader

The Honorable Vincent Candelora, House Minority Leader

Re: Use of Federal Cuts Response Fund

Dear Legislative Leaders,

As you are aware, Special Act 26-1 transferred \$330,811,954 million from the Budget Reserve Fund to the Federal Cuts Response Fund. An additional \$50,000,000 was then transferred via section 259 of Public Act 26-68, increasing the total amount transferred to the Federal Cuts Response Fund to \$380,811,954. After my most recent transfer letter dated June 3, 2026, an available balance of \$268,268,954 remains in the fund.

Section 3(a) of Special Act 26-1, as amended by section 490 of Public Act 26-68, appropriates the entirety of the Federal Cuts Response Fund to the Office of Policy and Management "for the purposes of responding to the policy impacts of P.L. 119-21 and mitigating any action or inaction by the federal government that results in a reduction in funding for any program in this state." Pursuant to section 3(b), as Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, I am authorized to transfer any amount of such appropriation to another agency or fund to give effect to the intent of the appropriation. Prior to transferring or expending said funds, section 4 requires me to provide notice of such transfers or expenditures to you.

In accordance with section 4 of Special Act 26-1, I hereby provide notice that I intend to transfer and expend funds appropriated under section 3(a) of said Act as described below. Specifically, I intend to transfer funds in the amount listed below from the Federal Cuts Response Fund to the General Fund for the following expenditure:

- Provide funding to the Department of Social Services (DSS) for immediate support for immigrant families impacted by changes in federal rules related to the Temporary Protected Status program, making them ineligible to work or access unemployment insurance. DSS will distribute funds to the state-funded refugee agencies to provide necessary services. Funding will be in the amount of \$5,000,000.

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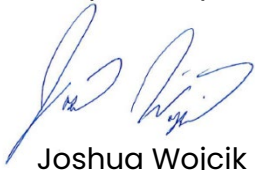
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- Detailed below is a summary of the transfer that I intend to make.

T1	GENERAL FUND	2026-2027
T2		
T6	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	
T7	Community Services	5,000,000
T8		
T9	TOTAL – GENERAL FUND	5,000,000

With this transfer of \$5,000,000, a balance of \$263,268,954 will remain available from the appropriations made pursuant to section 3 of Special Act 26-1, as amended by section 490 of Public Act 26-68. Additional funding needs may be identified, which may require further transfers or expenditures of the remaining funds. I will inform you of such additional transfers or expenditures as required by section 4 of said Act in one or more subsequent notifications.

Respectfully,



Joshua Wojcik
Secretary

Cc: Governor Lamont, OTG
Natalie Wagner, OTG
Courtney Cullinan, Senate Democrats
Franklin Perry, House Democrats
Sen. Catherine Osten, Appropriations Committee
Rep. Toni Walker, Appropriations Committee
Neil Ayers, Director, Office of Fiscal Analysis