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Secretary Melissa McCaw  
Office of Policy and Management  
450 Capitol Avenue  
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Dear Secretary McCaw,

I wanted to take the opportunity to better understand the administration's plans for providing transparency and timely updates in releasing and sharing data regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that have been allocated to Connecticut and to confirm the remaining balance of those funds.

The historical amount of federal taxpayer funds related to COVID coming to our state presents a once in a lifetime opportunity but should also come with an increased level of transparency our taxpayers deserve. Your monthly letter to the Comptroller containing the information on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) has been very helpful. Is this a similar process that you envision for reporting on the allocations for ARPA? If so, when can we anticipate this reporting to begin? Is there preliminary disbursement information you can share now?

In addition to the overall allocation updates within ARPA, can you please update my office on the status of the following:

- Youth Workforce Investments and the allocation status to grantees for this summer. Please provide a list of the programs, allocations, pending allocations for these important investments
- Estimate on the remaining ARPA funds that have not been obligated and what, if any plans the administration has for these funds

Finally, as it relates to CARES funding –the latest monthly letter shows \$46.4M that may be pending but is still not yet allocated. Please detail what those pending allocations are for or to whom they will benefit.

As we head into a new fiscal year with so many potential issues on the horizon, like a very growing and real concern about inflation --- prioritizing these investments and targeting unallocated dollars where it will have the best impact on growing the economy is an area where I believe Governor Lamont and I may agree and I look forward to sharing our caucus ideas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent J. Candelora". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "V" at the beginning.

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