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ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

March 26, 2018

The Honorable Terry England, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Georgia House of Representatives
245 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable Jack Hill, Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Georgia State Senate
234 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Chairmen:

The Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Report presented to the General Assembly in January of this year included a revenue estimate for FY 2019 based on 3.8% tax growth over Amended FY 2018. Federal Internal Revenue Code reforms coupled with stronger than estimated current year revenue performance since that time have subsequently impacted the factors used in developing the initial revenue estimates. Therefore, I am increasing my revenue estimate for Fiscal Year 2019 by \$194,759,788 from \$26,032,155,186 to \$26,226,914,974.

In conjunction with the increase in estimated revenues, I am also amending my budget recommendation for FY 2019 to include the following:

- \$166,747,626 for the Department of Education's Quality Basic Education (QBE) program to fully fund the QBE program;
- \$203,395 for the Department of Economic Development's Global Commerce program to meet projected expenditures;
- \$8,146 for the Department of Economic Development's Rural Development program to meet projected expenditures;
- \$89,616 for the State Forestry Commission's Commission Administration program to meet projected expenditures;
- \$291,097 for the Office of the State Inspector General to provide a workload adjustment to meet caseload needs;
- \$750,000 for the Georgia Student Finance Commission to provide an increase in funds for the Georgia National Guard service cancelable loan program;
- \$2,000,000 for the Technical College System of Georgia's Departmental Administration program to further expand marketing efforts to promote educational opportunities available at our technical institutions;
- \$4,388,500 for the Department of Corrections' Private Prisons program for an increase in the operations rate;



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- \$408,600 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$4,500,000 20-year taxable bond for the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority to design and construct a new conference center;
- \$181,600 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$2,000,000 20-year taxable bond for the Department of Natural Resources to renovate the bathrooms at Unicoi State Park;
- Remove the \$5,000,000 from the land acquisition bond for the preservation of wildlife and natural resources and use \$5,000,000 in bonds to purchase a Department of Natural Resources helicopter (\$729,000);
- \$681,000 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$7,500,000 20-year taxable bond for the Georgia World Congress Center for the construction of a pedestrian mall, Atlanta, Fulton County;
- \$214,000 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$2,500,000 20-year tax-exempt bond for the Board of Regents for the design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of and addition to Library North, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Fulton County;
- \$426,760 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$4,700,000 20-year taxable bond for the Board of Regents for property acquisition, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega;
- \$908,000 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$10,000,000 20-year taxable bond for the Board of Regents for renovations and equipment of the facilities at the Augusta University Cyber campus;
- \$744,560 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$8,200,000 20-year taxable bond for the Technical College System of Georgia for the design and construction of a new academic facility, Athens Technical College, Elbert County;
- \$215,196 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$2,370,000 20-year taxable bond for the Technical College System of Georgia for the design, construction, and equipment for Renovation and Backfill of Griffin Campus, Southern Crescent Technical College, Griffin, Spalding County;
- \$180,692 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$1,990,000 20-year taxable bond for the Technical College System of Georgia for the design, construction, and equipment for VECTR Industrial Lab Facility Expansion, Central Georgia Technical College, Warner Robins, Houston County;
- \$1,992,000 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$15,000,000 10-year tax-exempt bond for the Department of Education for the purchase school buses, local school districts, statewide; and



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- \$13,600,000 for the General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund's GO Bonds New program for a \$100,000,000 10-year taxable bond for the State Road and Tollway Authority for transit needs statewide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Deal".

Nathan Deal

- c: The Honorable Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Chris Riley, Governor's Office
Teresa MacCartney, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget