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I am writing to tell you that the recently approved State budget transferred \$10 million from the Attorney General Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund (ARRF) Pass-Through Account to the State General Fund. This will reduce your forfeiture funds.

As you may be aware, the Governor signed the General Appropriations Act (House Bill 2897) on June 18, 2024. That Act included Funding Sweeps for the current fiscal year (2023-2024), which must be completed by June 30, 2024. And those funding sweeps include the \$10 million transfer referenced above.

The ARRF Pass-Through account is administered by the Attorney General in accordance with A.R.S. § 13-2314.01 on behalf of law enforcement agencies who pursue civil asset forfeiture in partnership with the Attorney General's Office. Funds in that account belong to your agency, and the Attorney General is statutorily required to review and process your expenditures from that fund to ensure they comply with both State and federal law.

Early this year, the Governor's proposed budget recommended transferring money from the ARRF Pass-Through Account to the State General Fund to help balance the State's budget deficit. The Attorney General's Office told both members of the Governor's Office and Arizona Legislature that these funds belonged to law enforcement agencies and should not be transferred. Nevertheless, the Legislature's and Governor's approved budget includes the \$10 million transfer discussed above.

The Attorney General is now legally obligated to transfer \$10 million in the ARRF Pass-Through Account to the General Fund. To accomplish that transfer equitably, we will pro-rate the \$10 million across all of the accounts currently held for law enforcement agencies. The result of this will be reduction as follows from your account.

<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>Pro-Rated Reduction Share</u>	<u>Ending Balance 6/24/2024</u>
\$397,934.22	\$230,332.23	\$167,601.99



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The Attorney General's Office is committed to strengthening Arizona's RICO laws. This fund transfer undermines those goals, and we are disappointed that it was included in the budget. If you have concerns, please contact legislators in your district and the Office of the Governor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Klingerman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nick" and last name "Klingerman" clearly distinguishable.

Nicholas Klingerman
Criminal Division Chief Counsel