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Office of the Child Advocate

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Director

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8 Gifts to the State, authorize the Director of the Office of the Child Advocate, to accept a gift in the amount of \$250.00 from Leading for Kids, P.O. Box 610078, Redwood City, California for travel to an expert convening in Washington, DC regarding a research project to promote transformative policy and cultural change in the interest of children's health and wellbeing. The meeting is on June 5, 2019.

EXPLANATION

The Office requests authorization to accept a gift from Leading for Kids, a national non-profit organization whose mission is to spearhead narrative research and communications strategies to change social norms and cultural understandings of children, by advocating for the creation of new or strengthened government structures that are responsible for the wellbeing of children; encouraging overall investment in children through increased charitable commitments from philanthropists and the public; empowering youth voices and advocating for their inclusion in decision making; and uniting the existing field of experts, practitioners, and advocates committed to making children a national priority and emphasize the idea that children have the basic right to the best chance to thrive and succeed.

This gift is reimbursement for coach airfare and ground transportation to Washington, DC where the meeting is convening. Participation will provide an opportunity to contribute to the development of a shared vision for a narrative framework and communications strategy that effectively lifts and advances the work of children's advocacy. It will also provide an opportunity to build networks of expertise in child health and wellbeing to benefit the work of the Office pursuant to RSA 170-G:18 and ultimately the children of New Hampshire.

The Office of the Child Advocate wishes for approval to accept this gift. Your favorable action on this item would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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