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It has been two arduous years for State Employees. We are barely keeping a float with staff shortages and then to be required to handle others' menial tasks. Frontliners, from the brink of COVID shutdown, such as myself, kept agencies operating with a skeleton crew. Then furloughs happened. Gave testimonials and fortunately our Union along with family members voices won the victory of reduced it 12 to 6. We have been begging thru emails to release the appropriate funds to pay back the furloughs taken. I remember starting over a year ago when the ARP was released! Now that it is so close at hand and every commodity is so out of reach and expensive, I respectively request our funds be approved on Dec 15, 2022.

Thank you for your time, Sincerely, Deborah Hinds

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