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**Education Subcommittee
Joint Ways & Means Committee
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RE: OBCE Remote Meeting Cost Savings

Dear Co-Chair McLain, Co-Chair Frederick, and Members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for your time and consideration earlier this week. Representative Alonso-León inquired about what OBCE's cost savings would be now that all of our board meetings and board subcommittee meetings are being held remotely and how the agency plans to utilize the funding for the next fiscal period.

Attending in-person meetings, whether Board meetings, subcommittee meetings, or national conferences, effect multiple line items within our budget: catering, in-state travel, and out-of-state travel.

The following table illustrates our actual costs for AY19 and AY21, to date, for these line items.

Line Item	AY19	AY21	Difference
Catering	\$12,870.82	\$2,459.73	\$(10,411.09)
In-State Travel	\$50,106.01	\$16,266.28	\$(33,839.73)
Out-of-State Travel	\$15,520.87	\$2,548.22	\$(12,972.65)
Biennia Total	\$78,497.70	\$21,274.23	\$(57,223.47)

The following table illustrates what expenditure is left for AY21 (ending in June 2021) and the savings we may realize by only attending remote meetings through Dec. 2021. Catering savings would be minimal and has historically been balanced out by increased background checks costs.

Line Item	Left in AY21	AY23 GRB	Total for 7/21-12/21	Savings
In-State Travel	\$7,244.36	\$23,840.00	\$32,675.00/24 = \$1,361.46	
Out-of-State Travel	\$5,976.30	\$8,835.00	\$1,361.46 x 6 = \$8,168.75	\$13,220.66 + \$8,168.75
Biennia Total	\$13,220.66	\$32,675.00	\$8,168.75	\$21,389.41

Savings: Amount left in AY21(\$13,220.66) + first 6 months of AY23 (\$8,168.75) = **\$21,389.41.**

The agency anticipates using these savings as support for further implementation of our inLumon SAAS data management system and any unexpected hardware or systems costs that will incur.

Please let me know if there are any further questions I may answer for you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassie McLeod-Skinner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, J.D.
OBCE Executive Director