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TO: Budget Committee Members & Board of Commissioners

FROM: Ed Mitchell, Budget Committee Chairman

RE: Contingency Plan for Great Smoky Mountains National Park

DATE: October 2, 2023

In consideration of the impacts of tourism to our economy and the economic benefits that our local businesses derive from the National Park, in the event the federal government does not reach a budget agreement, we would request that the Mayor have the authority to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement, and allow use of fund balance to be used in order to keep the Great Smoky Mountains National Park open to the public. This is a contingency plan in the event of a federal "government shutdown".