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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Jane Kitchel, Chair, and Members of the Joint Fiscal Committee

From: Marcey Hodgdon, Fiscal Director

Date: August 30, 2024

SUBJECT: COMPLEX LITIGATION SPECIAL FUND ANNUAL REPORT

In FY2024 the Complex Litigation Special Fund was used to pay \$184,523.16 in nonroutine expenses, not otherwise budgeted, incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and defense of complex civil and criminal litigation. Such costs covered include:

- \$ 131,985 – expert witnesses related to defense of Vermont’s firearm laws
- \$ 50,610 – outside counsel related to defense of Vermont’s firearm laws
- \$ 5,157 – Mediation re: PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances)
- \$ (3,229) – Refund of prior year payments re: Purdue Bankruptcy & A. Gurung

In compliance with 3 V.S.A. § 167a(d), a balance of \$0 is projected for the Complex Litigation Special Fund at the end of FY2025. This represents a projected FY2025 use of \$1,000,000 and fund replenishment.