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Senator Ann Cummings, Chair
Joint Fiscal Committee
One Baldwin Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5701

Dear Senator Cummings,

I respectfully request an extension of time for submission of the following report:

Act 63, Section E.206, Special Investigative Units, requires a report to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the House and Senate committees on Judiciary and Appropriation by November 15, 2011 on issues related to the effectiveness of the Special Investigation Units (SIU).

On June 17, 2011, at my request the SIU Policy/Grants Board approved the hiring of a new grants program manager with expanded duties designed to foster the development and support of the respective special investigation units. The grants program manager with the background necessary for the position. After obtaining the necessary state contract approvals, Marc Metayer started working in mid-October as the Grants Program Manager. After meetings with outgoing Grants Manager Bob White and myself for a smooth transition, a full transition was completed on November 1st.

In preparation for developing the report, the grants program manager and I, as the Chair of the SIU Policy Board, are conducting physical site visits with each SIU. Seven units in the northern half of the state have been visited with the remaining units in the southern half scheduled for site visits during mid-December. This will allow the SIU Policy Board to discuss my proposed report at the December 21st grant review meeting and provide their input.

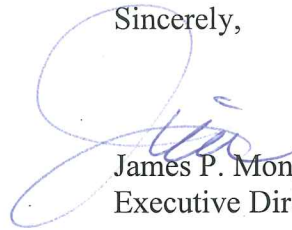
The final report will be submitted by December 30, 2011 for the beginning of the legislative session.

I appreciate your interest in the SIU program. I can tell you that I have been impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication of the local SIU participants in our meetings in the northern counties of Vermont. I look forward to our meetings in the southern counties. These visits will definitely have an impact not only on the report but on the information that I can provide to the legislature.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions you may have. I can be reached by email at jim.mongeon@state.vt.us or by cell phone at (802) 353-1948.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim", is written over the typed name and title.

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