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Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House – Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Aaron Michlewitz, Chair
House Committee on Ways and Means
State House – Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

RE: Settlements and Judgments Report —FY 2022 Accounts Payable

Dear Chair Rodrigues and Chair Michlewitz:

Pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021, the Office of the Comptroller hereby submits to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means a report on payments made from the Settlements and Judgments reserve (1599-3384) during the Accounts Payable Period for FY 2022.

The attached report provides information on payees, amounts, and the associated department or agency for settlements and judgments paid from appropriation account 1599-3384. This information is also posted quarterly on the Comptroller's transparency website, CTHRU, which may be accessed via this link, <https://www.macomptroller.org/cthru>.

FY2022

The total spent from 1599-3384 in FY 2022 was \$12,446,562, of which \$85,679 was spent during the Accounts Payable Period (7/1/22-8/31/22; for expenses incurred during the fiscal year ending 6/30/22).

In FY 2022, \$10,000,000 was appropriated to the Settlements and Judgments reserve account (1599-3384). Additionally, pursuant to that same line item, a formula is used by which the Secretary of Administration and Finance may establish a spend in anticipation ceiling amount, to which the Office of the Comptroller may spend, above the current appropriation, without prior authorization. For FY 2022, the spend in anticipation ceiling was set at \$12,450,211.

As the report shows, a total of \$85,679.04 was spent during the Accounts Payable Period of FY 2022. This is in addition to the \$12,360,883.09 spent earlier in FY 2022.

FY22 – Spending (July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022)	
Total Amount Available FY22*	\$12,450,211
Amount Expended Q1-Q4	(\$12,360,883)
Amount Expended in Accounts Payable	(\$85,679)
Remaining Balance (08/31/21)	\$3,649


*Represents spend in anticipation ceiling

As part of the FY 2022 supplemental budget process, CTR has requested that an additional \$10 million be appropriated to this account, of which \$2.4 million would be used to fund the spend in anticipation amount that was already spent, and the balance would carry forward to FY 2023.

Lastly, we note that, consistent with the FY 2023 General Appropriations Act, CTR has spent \$6,400,000 of the amount appropriated to this reserve for FY 2023 to pay FY 2022 settlements and judgments that otherwise did not have available funding to be paid. This reduces the amount of the FY 2023 appropriation that is available to pay for FY 2023 claims, therefore, CTR has requested a FY 2022 supplemental amount with authority to carry forward any unused dollars into FY 2023.

I am always available, should you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this account.

Sincerely,


William McNamara (Oct 4, 2022 15:45 EDT)

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Comptroller of the Commonwealth

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cc:

Michael Heffernan, Secretary, Executive Office for Administration and Finance
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**Settlement and Judgment Payments
Appropriation 1599-3384**

Accounts Payable BFY2022

Paid on Behalf of	Payee Name	Payment Date	Line Amount
DYS	Commonwealth of MA Unemployment Trust Fund	05-Aug-22	\$51,798.00
EHS	LIBBY HOOPES BROOKS, P.C.	26-Aug-22	\$23,011.04
EHS	DOHERTY WALLACE PILLSBURY & MURPHY PC	26-Aug-22	\$9,230.00
EHS	HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP	26-Aug-22	\$1,640.00

Total

\$85,679.04