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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 2020 Accounts Payable & FY 2021 Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 Reporting

Dear Chair Rodrigues and Chair Michlewitz:

Pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019 and Section 2 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020, 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) through the final accounts payable period for FY 2020 and during the first and second quarters of FY 2021, which ended on December 31, 2020.

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 portal link, https://www.macomptroller.org/cthru.

FY 2020 - Final Spending Through Accounts Payable Period

The total amount expended from 1599-3384 in FY 2020 was \$5,382,949, of which \$322,594 was spent in the Accounts Payable Period (July 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020; for expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020) and \$600,000 was transferred per M.G.L. c. 32, § 100A, for killed in the line of duty benefits.

In FY 2020, \$1,000,000 was appropriated to the Settlements and Judgments reserve account (1599-3384). In addition, \$1,068,329 was carried forward from FY 2019, for a combined total of \$2,068,329 in available funds.

The deficiency in this account in the amount of \$3,914,620 (as detailed below) was cleared prior to closing the fiscal year by a trust reserve account transfer.

FY20 – Final Spending Through Accounts Payable Period		
Amount Expended Q1-Q4	\$	(5,060,355)
Amount Expended in FY20 Accounts Payable	\$	(322,594)
Transfer per c32 s100A (Killed-in-line-of-duty benefits)	\$	(600,000)
Total Spent	\$	(5,982,949)
Total Appropriated & PACd Forward FY20	\$	2,068,329
Amount Due to Fund Deficiency	\$	(3,914,620)
Trust Transfer	\$	3,914,620
Final Balance	\$	-

FY21 – Spending Quarters 1 and 2 (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)

In FY 2021, \$10,000,000 was appropriated to the Settlements and Judgments reserve account (1599-3384).

As detailed below, a total of \$3,332,374 was spent during the first quarter (Q1) of FY 2021 and \$2,503,170 was spent in the second quarter (Q2).

FY21 – Spending Quarters 1 and 2 (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)			
Total Amount Available FY21	\$ 10,000,000		
Amount Expended in Q1	\$ (3,332,374)		
Amount Expended in Q2	\$ (2,503,170)		
Remaining Balance (12/31/20)	\$ 4,164,456		

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

Sincerely,

William McNamara

Julian Ste Vanan

Comptroller of the Commonwealth

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