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September 29, 2023

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 —Fiscal Year 2023 Accounts Payable Reporting

Dear Chair Rodrigues and Chair Michlewitz:

Pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022, 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) for the Accounts Payable period of Fiscal Year 2023.

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.

Spending in the accounts payable period of Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023)

A total of \$45,477 was paid from the Settlements and Judgements reserve account during the accounts payable period of Fiscal Year 2023. As you know, the accounts payable period is that limited time after July 1st of each year, when departments are able to process payments that are attributed to the just-ended prior fiscal year. The \$45,477 amount constitutes a comparatively small addition to the \$27 million processed in Fiscal 2023 Settlements and Judgements processed on or before June 30th.

Settlements and Judgements Report – Fiscal Year 2023 Accounts Payable September 29, 2023

Recap for the full Fiscal Year 2023 period

Below is an updated table, which recaps total Fiscal Year 2023 payments by period. As I noted in my prior report, the total amount of payments in Fiscal Year 2023 was high. I am very appreciative of the funding provided by the Legislature, both in the 2023 GAA and in Supplementary Budgets. Thanks to these actions by the Legislature, we were able to make timely payments and avoid the delays that had occurred in some prior years.

Fiscal Year 2023 Settlements and Judgments (July 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023)		
Funding:		
Fiscal Year 2023 GAA	\$10,000,000	
Fiscal Year 2022 Closing Supp	\$10,000,000	
Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023	<u>\$ 8,286,615</u>	
Total Funding July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$28,286,615	
Spending by quarter:		
Amount Expended Q1*	(\$6,763,345)	
Amount Expended Q2	(\$11,476,864)	
Amount Expended Q3	(\$1,755,470)	
Amount Expended Q4	(\$7,801,205)	
Amount Expended AP	(\$45,477)	
Total spending July 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023	(\$27,842,361)	
Remaining Balance (08/31/23)	\$ 444,253.53	

^{*} Approximately \$6M in Fiscal Year 2022 claims were paid in Fiscal Year 2023

This is the final report on Settlements & Judgements for Fiscal Year 2023. We are now on to Fiscal Year 2024, and in the coming weeks we will finish Quarter One and report to you. Please let me know if I may provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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William McNamara

Comptroller of the Commonwealth

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Settlements and Judgements Report – Fiscal Year 2023 Accounts Payable September 29, 2023

cc: Matthew Gorzkowicz, Secretary, Executive Office for Administration and Finance Danielle Cerny, Chief of Staff, Executive Office for Administration and Finance Christopher Marino, Assistant Secretary of Budget, Executive Office for Administration and Finance

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Settlement and Judgment Payments Appropriation 1599-3384

Fourth Quarter BFY2023			
Paid on Behalf of	Payee Name	Payment Date	Line Amount
DMH	Nalugya, Proscovia	15-Jul-23	\$35,000.00
EHS	DOHERTY WALLACE PILLSBURY & MURPHY PC	03-Jul-23	\$5,920.28
EHS	LIBBY HOOPES BROOKS, P.C.	14-Jul-23	\$2,248.45
TRC	JOSEPH N VIGLIOTTI	05-Jul-23	\$890.18
Payroll Taxes AP 2023			\$1,418.27
Total			\$45,477.18