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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 —Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 3

Dear Chair Rodrigues and Chair Michlewitz:

Pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023, the Office of the Comptroller hereby submits to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means a report on payments from the Settlements and Judgments reserve (1599-3384) for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2024.

The Settlements & Judgements reserve entered Fiscal Year 2024 in a strong position because of the substantial \$15 million appropriation included by the Legislature in the General Appropriation Act. As previously reported, the fund was depleted by claims received in Quarter 1 and Quarter 2. An additional \$358,205.00 in claims was paid out during Quarter 3, using the “spend in anticipation” authorization.

FY24 – Spending Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024)	
Original Appropriation	\$15,000,000.00
Spend in Anticipation mechanism*	\$725,854.00
Quarter 1 Spending	(\$4,549,010.00)
Quarter 2 Spending	(\$10,812,879.00)
Quarter 3 Spending	(\$358,205.00)
Reserve Balance as of March 31, 2024	\$5,760.00

* The “spend in anticipation” mechanism provided in the FY24 GAA allows payments to be made beyond the appropriated fund availability up to a defined ceiling, determined by the average of five years of payment history.


Settlements and Judgements Report – Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 3
May 8, 2024

A detailed report is attached that provides information on payees, amounts, and the associated department or agency for settlements and judgments paid during Quarter 3 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>.

Although the reporting period covered in this report ends March 31, 2024, the Fiscal Year 2024 Supplemental Budget that was enacted in recent weeks has provided an additional \$15 million appropriation to the reserve. Claims have accumulated in the period between the depletion of the reserve and the additional funding. On a rough basis, there are more than 50 claims, totaling more than \$12 million, that we are now in the process of paying.

We will monitor activity and the reserve balance through the end of Fiscal Year 2024.

Sincerely,

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FY24 Q3

Settlement and Judgment Payments
Appropriation 1599-3384

Third Quarter BFY2024

Paid on Behalf of	Payee Name	Payment Date	Line Amount
DSS	Joseph, Stephanie B	03-Jan-24	\$101,567.00
EHS	Guerra Castillo, Emilio Jose	03-Jan-24	\$55,000.00
SDN	Van Ness, Jared M	31-Jan-24	\$29,204.00
SSA	Carr, Jennifer A	10-Feb-24	\$250.00
NEC	Clemenzi, Gayle	10-Feb-24	\$3,000.00
SSA	CRONIN LAW P.C.	08-Jan-24	\$1,000.00
SSA	CRONIN LAW P.C.	08-Jan-24	\$4,377.49
AGO	THOMAS J O'CONNOR JR	09-Feb-24	\$12,625.55
AGO	EDWARD B FOGARTY	14-Feb-24	\$5,500.00
DDS	CHETAN TIWARI	04-Jan-24	\$137,425.25
Payroll Taxes Fourth Quarter 2024			\$8,255.43
Total			\$358,204.72