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VIA E-MAIL

Rep. Jim Nash, Co-Chair
State Government Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
St. Paul, MN 55155

Rep. Ginny Klevorn, Co-Chair
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Senator Tou Xiong, Chair
State and Local Government Committee
Minnesota State Senate
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Senator Andrew Lang, Ranking member
State and Local Government Committee
Minnesota State Senate
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Re: Report Required By Minn. Stat. § 15C.16

Dear Members:

The Minnesota False Claims Act (“MFCA”), section 15C.16, requires this Office to report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the Senate and House of Representative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance by January 15 of each year on activities carried out under Chapter 15C during the prior calendar year. Pursuant to this requirement, I provide the following information:

- In 2025, 33 complaints were received where a claim was made pursuant to the authority in Minnesota Statutes section 15C.05. Most of these complaints asserted claims primarily under the authority provided by the Federal False Claims Act.

- In 2025, the Office obtained recoveries in matters involving Chapter 15C claims of \$9,834,000. There were 27 cases in which the Office either declined to intervene or the relator dismissed the case. The Office intervened in three MFCA cases in 2025; certain MFCA cases were resolved by civil settlement prior to an intervention decision by the Office.
- In 2025, 2,225 attorney hours and 1,019 non-attorney hours were spent on activities under the MFCA.¹

Please be advised that this Office continues to be a member of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units and through this participation regularly works in conjunction with other states and with the United States Department of Justice to pursue recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act.

Sincerely,



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¹ The Attorney General's Office incurred additional time in pursuing the State of Minnesota's claims (including a claim pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 15C) against Purdue Pharma in its opioid-related litigation. See *State of Minnesota v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.*, Court File No. 27-CV-18-10788 (filed July 2, 2018 in Hennepin County District Court). This matter was initiated as an investigation in 2017, and litigation commenced in 2018. Purdue Pharma entered bankruptcy in 2019 and the State's litigation was stayed. During 2025, approximately 54 hours of attorney time were devoted to this matter, with some of that time related to bankruptcy issues and not specifically attributable to prosecution of the State's MFCA claim. During the stay of the State's litigation, this matter was identified in this report pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 15C.16, subpart 3, because if the litigation stay was lifted, additional attorney and investigator time may have been required related to the MFCA issue. The State's claims against Purdue and the Sackler Family were recently settled, which will bring approximately \$59 million to the State and its cities and counties.