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November 8, 2022

The Honorable Mary S. Hooper, Chair
The Honorable Jane Kitchel, Vice Chair
Joint Fiscal Committee
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Committee Members:

In follow up to the information and details the Vermont Economic Progress Council's (VEPC) and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development have already shared with you, this letter is to withdraw the September 2022 request to the Joint Fiscal Committee (JFC) to increase the Labor Market Area Enhancement Cap for 2022 for the Vermont Employment Growth Incentive (VEGI) program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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November 7, 2022

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Dear Committee Members:

This letter is provided as follow-up to the Vermont Economic Progress Council's (VEPC) September 2022 request to the Joint Fiscal Committee (JFC) to increase the Labor Market Area Enhancement Cap for 2022 for the Vermont Employment Growth Incentive (VEGI) program. As you know, the Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) has been reviewing the confidential materials related to the 2022 VEGI Applications for Simon Pearce and Ivy Computers through the JFO's agent, Thomas Kavet, at the request of the JFC.

During the course of the review, Mr. Kavet discovered an error in the cost benefit modeling for Ivy Computer's initial application. As of Friday, October 28, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) no longer has a staff member with the expertise and understanding of the VEGI modelling. Therefore, ACCD has hired Jeff Carr to review Ivy Computer's application and remodel the technical calculation. The updated calculation will be presented in VEPC's final award authorization before then end of the calendar year.

Related to the request, VEPC has been informed that Simon Pearce intends to cancel their application. In addition, the prospective applicant from Brattleboro has not applied as of the most recent VEGI application deadline. These new developments demonstrate an increase in the LMA Enhancement Cap for 2022 is no longer needed.

As such, VEPC would like to withdraw the request to the Joint Fiscal Committee to increase the VEGI Cap for the labor market area enhancement at this time. For the Committee's understanding and information, no funds have been deployed to either of these businesses. Applicants receive funds after the business meets the performance metrics as outlined in their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay H. Kurrle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsay H. Kurrle
Secretary