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Vermont Attorney General's Office

To the Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to Vermont's Public Records Act, I request the following public records from the Attorney General's Office:

1. An electronic copy of the "non-opioid remediation use report" or the spending report submitted to the directing administrator, BrownGreer, which was due to be submitted by March 31, 2023, outlining all expenses not qualifying as opioid remediation that have been made using funds received from the various opioid settlements the state has participated in, including but not limited to:
 - Amount spent on attorney fees
 - Amount spent on backstop attorney fees, where applicable
 - Amount spent on law enforcement expenditures, if any
 - An itemized list of amount spent on purposes that do not qualify as opioid remediation and a description of how the money was used, if available
2. Amount received from each opioid settlement the state has participated in as of the date of fulfillment of this records request
3. A breakdown of the amount and items/programs that qualify as opioid remediation that the state has spent money on from each settlement
4. If a non-opioid remediation use report is unavailable or has not been submitted to BrownGreer, please provide all publicly available information on:
 - Amount spent on attorney fees
 - Amount spent on backstop attorney fees, where applicable
 - Amount spent on law enforcement expenditures, if any
 - An itemized list of amount spent on other purposes that do not qualify as opioid remediation, if any

As a representative of the news media affiliated with Reuters News, I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in our commercial interest.

If any of the documents requested exist in electronic format, I request they be provided in electronic form, preferably via email.

If this request is denied, in whole or in part, please provide me with the part of the statute on

which the denial or redaction is based. I look forward to your response within three business days, per the timeline established in the statute.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need clarification or can suggest an easier way for me to get the information I am requesting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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