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November 16, 2017

Benjamin E. Novogroski Barr Law Group 125 Mountain Road Stowe, VT 05672

Dear Mr. Novogroski:

I write in response to your five public record act requests dated November 10, 2017, and addressed to the Attorney General's Office (enclosed). You have asked for:

- Any and all documents related to the review and approval of Jay Peak EB-5 projects;
- Any and all records of communication between the Office of the Governor and Vermont Regional Center employees related to the EB-5 program and its projects since the year 2006;
- Any and all documents and communications related to the arrest, detainment or holding of any state employee while traveling overseas in promotion of the Vermont Regional Center and its related projects;
- Any and all content distributed, displayed or sponsored by state employees in the overseas promotion and marketing of the Vermont Regional Center EB-5 program and its projects;
- Any and all documents related to the FDA application and approval of the Jay Peak AnCBio VT Project; and
- Any and documents related to the Act 250 permits, including dates of issuance for all Jay Peak Projects and the EB-5 program.

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We understand you have sent similar and additional requests to other state agencies.

The Attorney General's Office will need to assert its right to additional time to respond to your requests pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(a)(5). The unusual circumstances presented by your request include the volume of information you have requested, and the need to consult with litigation counsel and other agencies as your requests appear to relate to your pending case against the State related to EB-5 and the above-mentioned projects.

We will further respond within ten business days of receipt of your request.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Farnsworth

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November 10, 2017

State of Vermont Office of the Attorney General 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609

Re: Public Records Request for the Office of the Attorney General

Dear Custodian of Records:

Under the Vermont Public Records Law, §315 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that have anything to do with the following:

• Any and all documents related to the review and approval of Jay Peak EB-5 projects

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development's oversight of EB-5 projects.

This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The law requires the custodian to promptly respond to this request, or within 10 days for extraordinary circumstances. If you expect a significant delay in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. I can be contacted at:

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If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

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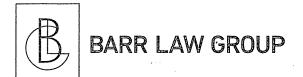
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