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Dear Attorney General TJ Donovan:

It is my understanding that Vermont recently retained a consortium of law firms to represent it in litigation and/or potential litigation relating to per- and polfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). It is my understanding that the law firms retained to represent Vermont in PFAS litigation include: (1) Hagens Berman; and (2) Kanner & Whiteley LLC.

Pursuant to the Vermont Public Records Act, Act, 1 V.S.A. 315-320, I hereby request copies of the following documents:

- (1) The submissions made by the law firms listed above, whether submitted individually by a firm or jointly as a consortium of law firms, in response to the Request for Proposal for law firms to represent Vermont in PFAS litigation.
- (2) All fee or retainer agreements between Vermont and the law firms listed above, whether individually by a firm or jointly as a consortium of law firms, relating to the engagement of the firms to represent Vermont in filed or potential PFAS litigation.

Under Vermont Law, all government records are presumed classified as public unless otherwise deemed confidential. If you withhold any documents on the basis that it is not public, I ask that you identify the basis for withholding the document.

You may forward the documents to me at my email address, which is debra@debrahilstromlaw.com. I ask that these materials be provided by September 10, 2019.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter:

/s/ Debra Hilstrom

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