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SUBJECT: Mont. Code Ann. § 17-8-416 Reporting

Dear Jon

The following is data compiled by Montana's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) and Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) for the purposes of Mont. Code Ann. § 17-8-416. The data is based only on case information that the MFCU or OCP has been given notice of or has access to, which includes federal pleadings and other court filings. The data and a brief explanation appear in **bold** and *italics* underneath each subsection of the statute. The statute is recited below and provides:

"Beginning February 15, 2014, and by February 15 of each year, the attorney general shall submit to the law and justice interim committee a report containing the following information:

- (1) the number of cases filed under the Montana False Claims Act, Title 17, chapter 8, part 4, that were pending in the state during the previous calendar year;"
 - <u>3</u> This number represents the number of cases pending in federal district courts in the State of Montana.
- (2) "the number of cases filed under the Montana False Claims Act that were settled during the previous calendar year;"
 - This number represents the number of cases settled across the United States which implicated, in part, the Montana False Claims Act.

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- "the number of cases filed under the Montana False Claims Act in which judgment was entered during the previous calendar year;"
 - This number represents the number of cases dismissed or adjudicated in federal district courts across the United States and filed, in part. under the Montana False Claims Act.
- (4) "the total proceeds paid to the state and the total proceeds paid to the qui tam plaintiffs in cases filed under the Montana False Claims Act during the previous calendar year; and"
 - \$ 382,373.24 This number represents the proceeds paid to the State of Montana during the previous calendar year pursuant to qui tam case settlements.
 - \$\frac{73,781.43}{\text{This number represents the proceeds paid to plaintiff relators out of Montana's settlement share during the previous calendar year pursuant to qui tam case settlements.
- (5) "the number of qui tam cases pending in other jurisdictions involving the state in the previous calendar year."
 - This number represents the number of cases pending in federal district courts across the United States which were filed, in part, under the Montana False Claims Act and on behalf of the State of Montana.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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