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VIA EMAIL

Robert Kerr, Director
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Dear Director Kerr:

The House Legislative Oversight Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee is currently performing an oversight study of the Attorney General's Office. The purpose of legislative oversight is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or even eliminated. Any House Member may file legislation to implement the Committee's recommendations.

The purpose of this letter is to seek input from your office about the questions attached. If your office would like to provide input, which would be appreciated, please do so before Friday, July 29, 2022. Additionally, the subcommittee welcomes any other input or feedback your office would like to provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Wooten", is written over a light blue grid background.

Representative Chris Wooten
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Questions to Department of Health and Human Services

1. What are the pros and cons of HHS paying for additional staff at the Attorney General's office to address Medicaid recipient fraud? Based on information presented by the Attorney General's office, the current return on investment appears to outweigh the costs, and the Attorney General's office indicates they could utilize additional staff to handle referrals from HHS.