



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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March 26, 2018

Mr. Marty Jackley, Attorney General
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Letter of Intent Regarding Opioid Investigation and Litigation

Dear Attorney General Jackley:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your appropriation in the 2018 legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on March 26, 2018.

While the guideline does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

The Joint Committee on Appropriations authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to use consumer settlement funds from Company 3000 "Attorney General Other Fund" to provide for the investigation and litigation of opioid distributors and manufacturers. It is the intent of the Committee that a review take place annually to determine if this authority should continue. It is further the intent of the Committee that the Attorney General provide to the Committee a status report regarding the investigation and litigation by December 1, 2018. In addition, the status report should include an explanation of the benefits that have been derived by this work.

Thank you for your cooperation.

_____/s/ Representative Anderson
Representative David Anderson
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

_____/s/ Senator Tidemann
Senator Larry Tidemann
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Liza Clark, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management