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The Honorable Patrick Morrissey Attorney General State Capitol Complex Building 1, Room E-26 Charleston, WV 25305

Attorney General Morrissey:

It is our understanding that the recent \$37 million settlement with McKesson Corporation would have been affected by House Bill 2991, should the bill have been adopted by the Legislature. The bill would have mandated those moneys, after reasonable administrative costs were reimbursed to your office, be deposited in the Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund. This Fund is vital to recovery efforts in West Virginia, as our state needs recovery and treatment beds for our residents suffering from substance use issues.

McKesson has shipped over 100 million opioid pills into West Virginia, and the drug epidemic costs our state \$8.8 billion in damage annually. For these reasons, we would respectfully request the entirety of these funds, after reasonable administrative costs are allocated to your office, be deposited in the Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund.

Sincerely,

Andrew N. Robinson

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