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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Diane Lanpher, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

From: Representative Michael Marcotte, Chair, House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

Date: January 18, 2024

Subject: Second Addendum to House Commerce recommendations on the FY24 BAA

The House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development thanks the House Committee on Appropriations for the opportunity to comment on provisions of the FY24 Budget Adjustment Act. In response to your request, the Committee reviewed the proposals and have provided additional feedback below.

On a straw vote of 7-0-4, the Committee respectfully submits the following:

Funding for Transitional Housing for Refugees in Vermont

The Committee sees this request as directly affecting workforce and economic development and strongly recommends that the House Committee on Appropriations reserve the \$671,000.00 as requested for transitional housing for refugees in the FY 24 BAA.

Going forward, the Committee recommends these requests be made by the funding agencies and be made in a timely manner in order for the Committee to fully vet the request. Our expectation is that the vetting process will occur when the Senate receives the BAA bill in the near future.