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STATE OF VERMONT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HOUSE ETHICS PANEL

MEMORANDUM

To:Vermont House of RepresentativesFrom:House Ethics PanelDate:January 2, 2024Subject:2023 House Ethics Panel report

Pursuant to <u>House Rule 90(b)(2)(E)</u>, the House Ethics Panel reports that in the year 2023, the Panel received three complaints. Pursuant to the <u>Panel Procedure for</u> <u>Handling Ethics Complaints</u>, the Panel closed each of these complaints because there were no reasonable grounds to believe that an ethical violation occurred.

In addition, in the year 2023, the Panel ensured that all House members submitted their:

- Disclosure form prepared by the State Ethics Commission that was required to be submitted along with their candidate consent pursuant to <u>17 V.S.A. § 2414</u>;¹
- Signed oath of office required to be submitted to the House Clerk's Office; and
- Disclosure form required by House Rule 90(b)(1)(C).²

Finally, in the year 2023, Panel members reported receiving four House member requests for ethical advice.

¹ These candidate disclosures are posted under the Secretary of State's "2022 General Election Candidate Listing/Financial Disclosure" on this webpage: <u>https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/election-info-resources/candidates/</u>

² These member disclosures are posted on the <u>House Overview</u> and <u>House Clerk</u> webpages at this URL: <u>https://legislature.vermont.gov/house/clerk-of-the-house/20232024-ethics-disclosure-forms/</u>