

On May 14, 2024, at 12:08 PM, Jandl, Lauren <Lauren.Jandl@vermont.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Below is a message I am sending on behalf of Attorney General Clark regarding an inaccurate statement made before Senate Health & Welfare earlier this month. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lauren Jandl
Chief of Staff
Vermont Attorney General's Office

Dear Committee members:

I understand that on Friday, May 3, 2024, an inaccurate statement was made by one of your colleagues regarding the status of a case my office filed in Chittenden County Superior Court in March of 2020, Clearview A.I. The inaccurate statement was that this case was dismissed due to one of the attorneys of the Attorney General's Office not appearing in court. This is wholly inaccurate. I write to correct your misunderstanding as well as the record. The accurate posture of the case is that the judge believed that the venue of Chittenden County was not proper. As such, the judge dismissed the case on that narrow basis, noting that courts lack the power to transfer matters to another county. But the State could file in Washington County.

I want to reassure the Committee that all attorneys and legal staff of my office take very seriously our role representing the State and such an occurrence as was inaccurately described would never be allowed to happen.

To the extent possible, I would appreciate your including this in the written record for the testimony on H.121 on May 3, 2024, so that an accurate recitation of the status of this case can be reflected in the record.

Sincerely,
Charity Clark

Charity R. Clark (she/her)
Attorney General
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