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House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
Rep. Alice Emmons, Chair
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Dear Rep. Emmons and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you last week. I am happy to represent the state's 28 independently elected assistant judges and to provide you with information by which we can maintain and improve our historic county courthouses for use by the Vermont Judiciary.

Included is the information you requested regarding each county's capital reserve fund.

As you can see, I was not able to gather information from every county. I also note that there are a few counties who have yet to establish a capital reserve fund.

I would like to make one more point regarding the use of these funds that I did not include in my remarks last week: the capital reserve fund is also intended for capital projects at other county owned buildings. Both Washington and Windsor County own separate buildings that function as county offices and for Probate. In addition, most counties own a building for the Sheriff's department. So this fund could be used for any of these buildings not only for the courthouses. (Indeed, as I did mention, the 2023 flood damaged both buildings in Washington County.)

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,



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