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Office of Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, Chairman
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 332
Boston MA 02133

Office of Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston MA 02133

RE: FY2020 Middlesex (Northern) District Attorney's Office Notice pursuant to MGL c. 94C §47 (d), "...use of the monies in the (Forfeiture) trust fund for the purposes of drug rehabilitation, drug education..."

Dear Senator Rodrigues and Representative Michlewitz:

Pursuant to the filing requirement of MGL c. 94C §47 (d), "...each district attorney ...shall file an annual report with the house and senate committees on ways and means on the use of the monies in the (Forfeiture) trust fund for the purposes of drug rehabilitation, drug education, and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs."

In FY2020 the MDAO continued its tradition of contributing a portion of these funds to the following programs focused on drug education and antidrug events:

- Middlesex Partnership for Youth, Inc., (MPY) - - MPY is a nonprofit organization that has over 30 years' experience in collaborating with the MDAO, educators, public safety personnel, community leaders, mental health professionals and others. In FY20, the MDAO's \$15,000 contribution helped fund key intervention and prevention training for its member school districts and their community partners.
- Provide Community Based Unused Prescription Drug Collection Lock Boxes – In partnership with the Police Chiefs of the 54 cities and towns in Middlesex County, the MDAO purchased a drug collection drop box for any police department that requested one. In FY2020, the MDAO provided one to Winchester PD and one to Reading Policy Academy at a cost of \$2,390.

- In FY2020, the MDAO provided NARCAN to Middlesex County police departments, fire departments and school districts. This has proven to be vital as evidenced by the opioid crisis. In FY2020, the MDAO expended \$7,680 to purchase just under 400 doses for distribution to police, fire and schools.
- Year Six of Program to Provide Stipends for Substance Free Post —Prom, Post-Graduation or Other End of the Year Events — in partnership with the School Superintendents of the 54 communities of Middlesex County, District Attorney Ryan offered \$500 stipends to any interested Middlesex School District that certified that these funds would be used to support a substance free school based event during the spring season. In FY2020, the MDAO did not make donations for this program due to these events being cancelled due to COVID. We hope to bring this opportunity back in FY2021.

MDAO recognizes the significant benefit that can be provided by contributing forfeiture trust fund dollars to programs and initiatives that are focused on drug rehabilitation, education and other anti-drug programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 781-897-8456.

Sincerely,



Regina Scalley
Chief Financial Officer
Office of the Middlesex District Attorney

cc: District Attorney Marian Ryan, Middlesex County
Steve Loughlin, First Assistant District Attorney, MDAO