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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: FY2019 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 FY2019 the MDAO continued its tradition of contributing a portion of these funds to the following programs focused on drug education and anti-drug 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 FY19, the MDAO's \$20,000 contribution helped fund key intervention and prevention training for its member school districts and their community partners. Specifically, with the MDAO's contribution, MPY sponsored two key substance abuse professional development conferences which focused on the epidemic of youth vaping in schools and communities. "Vaping and Juuls," was held on December 3, 2018 and "Vaping and Our Youth" was held on March 1, 2019.



Two student conferences, one for middle school students and one for high school students, were held in January, 2019. These conferences focused on teaching teens to make good decisions regarding living substance free lives during the teen years.

In addition, Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc. presented workshops at schools in Middlesex County regarding underage substance abuse, marijuana, and vaping. These workshops were presented to students, staff and parents.

- Year Five 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. As has been well documented, the prom and graduation season is a particularly important time to reaffirm the message to young people regarding safe behavior and safe choices, especially with regard to drug and alcohol decisions. This is an important extension of the safe prom and graduation letter that the District Attorney and School Superintendent co-sign and send to all parents/guardians of junior and senior high school student in Middlesex County. In FY2019, the MDAO contributed \$9,500 for this purpose.

The 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,



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