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FROM: Demetrios J. Melis, Commissioner

RE: Outstanding Adjudications & All Issues on Claims from 2020/2021

Dear Governor, Madam Chair, and Chairmen:

Per the 2023-2024 Budget of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) is required to provide a quarterly report on the plan to resolve outstanding adjudications with issues established in 2020 and 2021 to the Governor, House Commerce and Energy Committee, the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee, and the Commission on Unemployment Compensation. This letter serves to meet that requirement.

Resolving Outstanding Adjudications and All Issues on Claims from 2020/2021

The VEC was tasked with developing a plan regarding specific actions and a timeline to resolve outstanding adjudication and issues from claims established in 2020 and 2021. The VEC set its priorities and developed its strategic direction to transform the agency to be the “Best-in-Class” among other state’s peer agencies.

As was stated in the July and October 2023 reports, there remain no outstanding claims in potential fraud and adjudication with issues established in 2020 or 2021. While the VEC has implemented many transformation initiatives that have allowed for progress within adjudication, as well as other departments, the agency is still working to become a Best-in-Class agency when resolving incoming and future claims.

The Unemployment Insurance Benefits teams is focused on meeting and then exceeding the U.S. Department of Labor benefits timeliness and quality standards. Workstreams continue to be adjusted based on the current level of adjudication staff and incoming claims. There is not a need to hire additional staff to resolve outstanding claims.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at demetrios.melis@vec.virginia.gov or 804-786-3001 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Demetrios J. Melis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Demetrios J. Melis
Commissioner