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Mr. Laurence Hubbard President Montana State Fund 855 Front Street Helena, MT 59601

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

## Phase-in of Firefighter Presumption Surcharge - Addendum

This letter and attached exhibits present our analysis of the estimated ultimate loss and allocated loss adjustment expense (ALAE) for the Montana State Fund (MSF) for various prospective policy periods related to the Montana firefighter presumption legislation SB0160.

This final report replaces and supersedes any previously issued draft report(s).

SB0160 states that a firefighter becomes eligible for presumptive disease coverage after a given number of years of employment. The number of years varies by disease, and ranges from four to fifteen years. Employment history after July 1, 2014 is used to calculate tenure. For instance, the ultimate losses associated with diseases with employment requirements of six or fewer years will apply to policy year 2020.

The attached exhibits display the ultimate loss and ALAE estimates, and related indicated rate surcharges, for policy years 2020, 2024, 2026 and 2029. By 2029, all eligibility requirements will be met and the impact of the legislation will be "mature". The exhibits also show the split of full time firefighters and volunteer firefighters.

This letter is an addendum to the January 24, 2020 "Senate Bill 160 – Firefighter Presumption Analysis: Estimated Loss and Allocated Loss Expense Cost" report. The *Distribution*, *Background* and *Reliances and Limitations* sections of that report apply equally to this document.

We note that while we consider the future surcharges to be reasonable based on the current analysis, ultimate losses and ALAE for future policy years are expected to change due to inflation and other factors. All ultimate loss and ALAE amounts in the attached exhibits are presented at policy year 2020 values. The assumption made herein is that the underlying rates upon which the surcharges are based will be adjusted appropriately over time, thus maintaining the appropriateness of the surcharge.

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Sincerely,

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## **Montana State Fund**

Workers Compensation - Firefighter Disease Presumption Study Phase in of Surcharge Full Time Firefighters Central Estimate

Disease	Expected Mature Ultimate Loss and ALAE: Full Time	Tenure Requirement	Expected Ultimate Loss and ALAE at Policy Year (current cost)			
Type	Firefighters	(years)	2020	2024	2026	2029
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Bladder Cancer	\$6,492	12	\$0	\$0	\$6,492	\$6,492
Brain Cancer	8,431	10	0	8,431	8,431	8,431
Breast Cancer	74	5	74	74	74	74
Colorectal Cancer	28,687	10	0	28,687	28,687	28,687
Esophageal Cancer	10,854	10	0	10,854	10,854	10,854
Kidney Cancer	16,931	15	0	0	0	16,931
Leukemia	8,299	5	8,299	8,299	8,299	8,299
Lung Cancer	45,535	4	45,535	45,535	45,535	45,535
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	13,549	15	0	0	0	13,549
Mesothelioma	882	10	0	882	882	882
Myeloma	2,505	15	0	0	0	2,505
Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack)	37,971	10	0	37,971	37,971	37,971
Total	\$180,211		\$53,908	\$140,734	\$147,226	\$180,211
(8) Payroll	\$13,349,040		\$13,349,040	\$13,349,040	\$13,349,040	\$13,349,040
(9) Rate per \$100 of payroll (discounted)	1.147		0.343	0.896	0.937	1.147
(10) Surcharge	0.182	Phase-in:	0.055	0.142	0.149	0.182

Notes:

- (2) From Sheet 1 of each Exhibit.
- (3) From Montana legislation SB160. Tenure considers employment history since July 1, 2014.
- (4) (7) (2), if tenure requirement in (3) has been met.
  - (8) Provided by MSF.
  - (9) Ultimate loss / payroll.
  - (10) (9) divided by firefighter class rate of 6.29 provided by Montana State Fund.

## **Montana State Fund**

Workers Compensation - Firefighter Disease Presumption Study Phase in of Surcharge Volunteer Firefighters Central Estimate

Disease	Expected Mature Ultimate Loss and ALAE: Volunteer	Tenure Requirement	Expected Ultimate Loss and ALAE at Policy Year (current cost)			
Туре	Firefighters	(years)	2020	2024	2026	2029
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Bladder Cancer	\$14,505	12	\$0	\$0	\$14,505	\$14,505
Brain Cancer	26,325	10	0	26,325	26,325	26,325
Breast Cancer	10	5	10	10	10	10
Colorectal Cancer	77,000	10	0	77,000	77,000	77,000
Esophageal Cancer	32,207	10	0	32,207	32,207	32,207
Kidney Cancer	35,127	15	0	0	0	35,127
Leukemia	24,485	5	24,485	24,485	24,485	24,485
Lung Cancer	133,186	4	133,186	133,186	133,186	133,186
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	32,285	15	0	0	0	32,285
Mesothelioma	2,123	10	0	2,123	2,123	2,123
Myeloma	5,095	15	0	0	0	5,095
Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack)	107,172	10	0	107,172	107,172	107,172
Total	\$489,519		\$157,681	\$402,508	\$417,012	\$489,519
(8) Payroll	\$3,236,795		\$3,236,795	\$3,236,795	\$3,236,795	\$3,236,795
(9) Rate per \$100 of payroll (discounted)	12.855		4.141	10.570	10.951	12.855
(10) Surcharge	2.044	Phase-in:	0.658	1.680	1.741	2.044

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