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Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 9:58 AM
To: Pepper, James; Holcombe, Rebecca
CC: Fowler, Amy
Subject: RE: Senate Appropriations 2.18

Makes sense to me to send media inquiries to me. Thanks.

Scott

From: Pepper, James
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 9:57 AM
To: Holcombe, Rebecca <Rebecca.Holcombe@vermont.gov>
Cc: Fowler, Amy <Amy.Fowler@vermont.gov>; Coriell, Scott <Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Senate Appropriations 2.18

Adding Scott.

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On Feb 18, 2016, at 9:37 AM, Holcombe, Rebecca <Rebecca.Holcombe@vermont.gov> wrote:

James,

We have tried very hard to be team players on this, and unlike some agencies, have kept our concerns internal. As a result, it appears they have not been addressed. I feel our fy17 requests are real and justified.

It may make sense for AOE to refer media questions to Scott.

I can't publicly say we are able to address the risks to school children that are posed by the bill, as it stands.

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On Thu, Feb 18, 2016 at 6:29 AM -0800, "Fowler, Amy"
<Amy.Fowler@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi Rebecca-

Attached is the version of testimony I think we should give to Appropriations.

1. James tells me they are only interested in FY17 matters so only bringing forward the issue of Health Education.
2. I've informed James that the appropriation for the grants to SU's to create substance abuse programs is not the appropriate delivery model and will not be

effective layered on top of the work of Act 46. He has offered to bring AOE and AHS together for a conversation on that item at a later time.

3. I also shared that my perspective was the AOE had supported the administration position on legalization and the allocations put forward in the Administration testimony suggest that our efforts in that arena did not result in positive outcomes. AHS on the other hand provided much testimony on the dangers and problems and were able to have an amendment supporting their concerns attached to the bill. In the future, it appears we should discuss openly that the AOE will need to seek similar amendments if we feel a proposed bill presents high risks for students or schools.

James-

Please feel free to add your two cents if I have not captured the conversation well.

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My email address has changed. It is now amy.fowler@vermont.gov. Please update your contact lists.