April 16, 2026

The Honorable Andrew Perchlik
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
and Members of the Committee
Vermont State House
Montpelier, VT

Dear Chair Perchlik and Members of the Committee,

We write on behalf of a coalition of technology providers and industry organizations with experience supporting digital modernization efforts across the State of Vermont. We appreciate the Committee's work to balance competing priorities as you take up H.951.

We are writing to express concern with the provision in the House-passed version of H.951 that would sweep approximately $9.5 million in interest earnings from the Technology Modernization Special Fund into the General Fund.

Vermont has already seen the value of sustained investment in modern technology systems. Recent efforts have enabled same-day transaction processing, expanded access to online services, and improved alignment with national public safety standards. Processes that previously took weeks can now be completed in a single day, improving both service delivery and operational efficiency.

Preserving these resources will allow the State to continue delivering these types of outcomes for Vermonters and build on recent progress in improving how residents access and receive services. This includes reducing wait times for critical services, improving the timeliness and accuracy of eligibility determinations, expanding reliable digital access for rural communities, and strengthening the systems that support public safety and benefits delivery. These improvements also reduce manual workload and administrative overhead, allowing more resources to be directed toward core services.

As the Committee evaluates funding priorities, maintaining a stable source of funding for modernization efforts helps ensure that these improvements continue and that recent progress is not disrupted. These are practical, visible improvements that Vermonters experience directly in their interactions with state services.

We recognize the importance of addressing near-term budget needs. At the same time, preserving the funding necessary to sustain and expand these improvements will help ensure that Vermont continues to deliver efficient, reliable, and cost-effective services to its residents.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committee to reconsider the House provision as you deliberate H.951 and to preserve the funding needed to continue delivering these demonstrated benefits to Vermonters.

We appreciate your consideration and would welcome the opportunity to serve as a resource as you continue your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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