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July 1, 2023

The Honorable Ned Lamont
Governor, State of Connecticut
State Capitol Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Lamont,

Enclosed you will find the *Annual Report on the Financial Condition of the Second Injury Fund* as required by Section 31-349f of the Connecticut General Statutes.

As we continue to be faced with economic and inflationary challenges, I am happy to report the Second Injury Fund ("Fund") continues to be financially stable and achieved the following during Fiscal Year 2023.

- The Fund's long-term unfunded liabilities fell from \$201.3 million in FY2022 to \$187.6 million, a decrease of 6.8 percent. The Fund continues to closely monitor these liabilities.
- During FY2023, estimated savings of \$1.8 million in medical costs achieved by the Fund continue to lessen the long-term financial burden on Connecticut's businesses and taxpayers.
- On May 1, 2023, I announced that assessment rates for insured and self-insured employers will remain unchanged for FY2024. The current rate for insured employers will continue to be 2.25%, while the rate for self-insured employers will continue to be 2.75%.

These achievements are a direct reflection of the Fund's strong commitment to the prudent fiscal strategies which continue to produce savings passed along to Connecticut businesses without compromising any benefits due to injured workers.

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If you have any questions concerning the financial condition of the Fund, please feel free to call Assistant Treasurer, Jamie Mowat Young at (860) 702-3125.

Sincerely,



Erick Russell
State Treasurer

Enclosure

cc: Hon. Susan Bysiewicz, Lieutenant Governor
Hon. Martin M. Looney, Senate Democrat President *Pro Tempore*
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Hon. Cara Pavalock-D'Amato, House Ranking Member, Insurance and Real Estate Committee
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Members of the Second Injury Fund Advisory Board:

*Senator Julie Kushner
*Representative Emmanuel Sanchez
Ed Hawthorne, Connecticut AFL-CIO
Rochelle Palache, Services Employees International Union, Local 32BJ
Marko Kaar, Connecticut Construction Industries Association
Brian Anderson, Council 4 AFSCME
Hartford HealthCare, c/o Melissa Riley
Peter Myers, Connecticut Business and Industries Association

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECOND INJURY FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

As of 06/27/23

1. Estimate of the Fund's unfunded liability as of preceding July first (July 1, 2022):

- A. The unfunded liability of the Second Injury Fund as of July 1, 2022 had been estimated at **\$201,338,000.**
- B. The unfunded liability of the Second Injury Fund as of July 1, 2023 is estimated at **\$187,550,000.**

	<u># Open Claims</u>	<u>Reserve Value</u>
Claim Inventory 7/1/23	2,788	\$184,800,000
* Estimated Future Claims (FY 2024)	430	<u>2,750,000</u>
Total Estimated Liability as of 6/27/23		\$187,550,000

* Anticipated *uninsured* employer and concurrent employment claims incurred but not reported as of 6/27/23

2. The effect of settlements and stipulations on the unfunded liability:

During FY 2023 SIF paid 161 settlements at a cost of **\$3,987,400.**

3. The number and actual amount of assessments levied under section 31-354 for the previous fiscal year (FY2023):

Category	# of Assessments	Amounts
Insured Employers	4	\$ 17,844,724 (est)
Self-Insured Employers	4	<u>4,651,694 (est)</u>
Total		\$ 22,496,418 (est)

4. The number and estimated amount of assessments for the coming year (FY2024):

Category	# of Assessments	Amounts
Insured Employers	4	\$ 22,980,000
Self-Insured Employers	4	<u>4,733,000</u>
Total		\$ 27,713,000

5. Any recommendation for legislative change to improve the operation of the Fund:

No further recommendations for legislative change at this time.