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David Forsythe, Chair
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Re: 2023 Annual Ethics Report

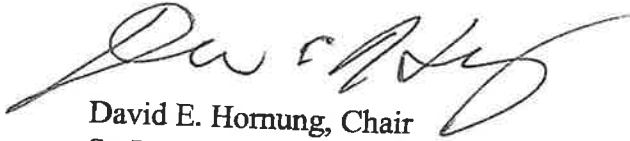
Dear Chair Forsythe:

As required in Article 15, Section 7 of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law, this document is the Annual Report of the activities of the St. Lawrence County Board of Ethics for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023:

1. We continued with the established ethics training procedure for current and future county employees. The County Attorney has provided training videos which are available on the Ethics Board website for employees, board members and elected officials.
2. We reviewed and disposed of four (4) complaints.
3. We provided two (2) advisory opinions.
4. We reviewed the Annual Disclosure Statements submitted by county employees and county policy makers as required by the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law. The review is to assure that the filed forms are complete and responsive on their face to the requirements of the law.
5. The Board of Ethics has established a list of all elected officials, appointees of the Board of Legislators, deputies of said appointees and advisory boards or councils required to file a financial disclosure statement.
6. "Non-policy making Boards" are continuing to request exemption from filing the Financial Disclosures in Article 22 of the law. We have allowed the exemption and this issue will be resolved in the new local law.

7. We continued to be available to respond to requests for advisory opinions and to respond to complaints of alleged violations of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Hornung", written in a cursive style.

David E. Hornung, Chair
St. Lawrence County Board of Ethics

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