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David Forsythe, Chair
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
48 Court Street
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Re: 2024 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, 2024 to December 31, 2024:

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 received and reviewed one complaint. The complaint was anonymous with no return address for a response.
3. We provided one (1) advisory opinion.
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. "Non-policy making Boards" are now exempt from filing the Financial Disclosures under the new Local Law B 120-2024 adopted on April 1, 2024.
6. 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.

We are still lacking one member to fill Galen Pletcher's seat.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Hornung', written in a cursive style.

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

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