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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

To: Members of the Working Group on Fraudulent Business Filings

From: Chris Beall

Date: September 30, 2022

Re: Proposed meeting schedule and work flow

For purposes of everyone's scheduling and planning, I offer for your consideration the following proposed schedule for regular meetings of the Working Group:

- Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday Dec. 7, 2022, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2022, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2022, 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2022, 3:30 pm

We can, of course, always adjust a meeting date, or add meetings as needed.

My suggestion for the Working Group's work flow is to approach our statutory obligation to "study potential measures to counteract and prevent fraudulent filings in the online business filing system" in three phases: (1) Brainstorming/discussion on general concerns and potential solutions, (2) Development of specific recommendations and voting on same, (3) Drafting report to General Assembly with "potential legislative provisions to counteract and prevent fraudulent filings, as well as the costs and benefits associated with each legislative provision."

The Working Group's statutory deadline for submission of its report is January 31, 2023. In light of that, I propose that the Working Group establish an internal deadline for any member to present any proposed recommendations that the member wishes the Working Group to consider and vote on by December 1, 2022. This deadline would allow for discussion and voting on such proposals at our meetings in December, and the ensuing work on the Working Group's report to occur in January.