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August 17, 2017

Secretary Ben Barnes
Office of Policy & Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Barnes:

I am writing in response to your letter dated August 7, 2017 in which you indicate you are in the process of preparing a series of reports on the "fiscal health" of municipalities. As such, you have requested updated estimates on the Town's assigned/unassigned fund balance for FY 17 & 18 and supplemental information regarding the impact that the state's failure to adopt a budget may have on Town operations.

As you know, the financial position/condition of a municipality cannot be determined by simply measuring a single metric such as assigned/unassigned fund balance. This type of evaluation is a far more nuanced process involving the study of a whole host of indicators. However, as you have only requested that the Town provide its estimated/unaudited general fund assigned/unassigned fund balance for fiscal year 2017, you will find this information attached. We are not in a position to provide an estimate for FY 18.

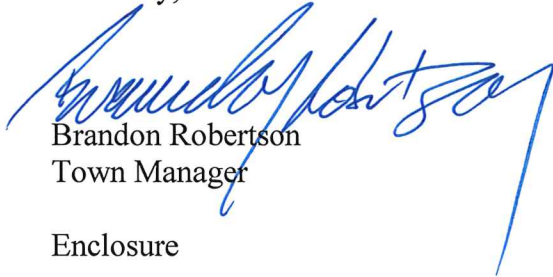
If approved by the legislature, the Governor's May 15, 2017 revised budget proposal would result in a revenue reduction of \$1.4 million over the Town's adopted FY 18 budget. This reduction, when combined with the \$782,356 reduction that was already included in the Town's adopted budget based on the Governor's February 8th budget proposal, would result in a total intergovernmental revenue reduction of over \$2.2 million year over year. Additionally, should the legislature adopt the Governor's proposal for the teacher's pension contribution, the Town will be impacted by an unbudgeted \$2.88 million expenditure.

You ask what impact the continuing state budget impasse is having on our operations and how the Town may choose to manage the impact of further revenue reductions and or expenditure increases. The Town has already adopted a budget that includes significant revenue reductions such as the complete elimination of ECS funding. The method we choose to manage further revenue and or expenditure adjustments will be guided by the existing financial policies and practices that have enabled the Town to attain and maintain its strong financial condition.

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Once again, enclosed please find the information as requested in your August 7th letter. Please call my office at (860) 409-4300 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Robertson". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Brandon Robertson
Town Manager

Enclosure

cc: Town Council
Board of Finance
Senator Kevin Witkos
Representative Derek Slap
Representative Tim LeGeyt

Town of Avon
General Fund Assigned/Unassigned Fund Balance

	Assigned/Unassigned Fund Balance	Unassigned Fund Balance per GASB 54
FY15 Actual	\$ 11,080,968	\$ 8,003,009
FY16 Actual	\$ 10,782,099	\$ 8,443,716
FY17 Estimated/Unaudited*	approx. \$ 10,800,000	approx. \$ 8,500,000
FY18 Projected	Unable to provide at this time	

*FY17 estimates are subject to change based on continuing end of year transactions and other activities.