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**ATTORNEY GENERAL**



June 21, 2022

Mayor Jay W. Wagner  
PO Box 230  
High Point, NC, 27261

Dear Mayor Wagner:

I am pleased to share an important update in our shared fight against the opioid epidemic. The first payments of the historic \$26 billion opioid settlement are being delivered to North Carolina's local governments this month, including approximately \$51,076 to High Point. Later this summer, High Point will receive an additional payment totaling approximately \$112,327. Over the life of the settlement, High Point will receive approximately \$1,329,435. (The full payment schedule is attached to this letter.) These funds represent an incredible opportunity for us to turn the tide on the opioid epidemic in North Carolina.

The opioid epidemic is the deadliest drug epidemic in American history, and tragically it is raging worse than ever. More than 20,000 North Carolinians have lost their lives to opioid overdoses. In Guilford County in 2020, at least 148 people died from an overdose. Still more are struggling with the disease of opioid use disorder, and many thousands more family members and friends live in fear that their loved one will succumb to this disease. Opioids have left a trail of death, destruction, and damaged families and communities in their wake all across North Carolina.

This crisis was born by greed. The opioid drug companies made billions of dollars while millions of Americans got hooked on their pills. That's why my team and I helped lead a national, bipartisan coalition of attorneys general to take these companies to court and hold them accountable. We worked cooperatively with the lawyers hired by thousands of counties and municipalities across the country pursuing similar goals. And through our settlement with the drug distributors – Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen – and Johnson & Johnson, we are winning – to the tune of \$26 billion so far.

North Carolina will receive our full share of \$750 million because of the excellent partnership between the state and our counties and cities. Of these funds, the state will receive 15% and the counties and large cities 85%. The majority of funds will flow to local governments because this crisis is being felt in communities across the state, and you all are well suited to respond.

Regardless of whether the funds go to the state or to local governments, the money has to be used to attack the crisis. To help you make the best use of opioid settlement funds, my office worked with other partners to create the Community Opioid Resources Engine for North Carolina (CORE-NC). This website ([www.ncopioidsettlement.org](http://www.ncopioidsettlement.org)) contains extensive resources, as well as helpful county-specific data to help you make the best possible use of your funds to benefit your residents. It also contains the dashboard where your county will report to the public the strategies you funded, and the outcomes of those

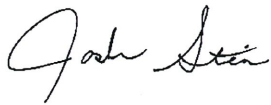
investments. It is essential that we maximize the impact of the funds to help more people live happy, healthy lives free of addiction.

Additional information about these opioid settlements is available at [www.morepowerfulinc.org/opioid-settlements/](http://www.morepowerfulinc.org/opioid-settlements/). If you have questions about the settlement, please email my office at [opioidsettlement@ncdoj.gov](mailto:opioidsettlement@ncdoj.gov).

It's been my honor to fight for the families all across our state who have been impacted by the opioid epidemic. I'm proud that this money will help you fight this crisis in your community. I am certain that because of these funds and the investments that you will make, there will be many more people alive in North Carolina next year and for years to come than otherwise would have been. This goal is what drives us all in this effort.

Thank you for your partnership in this important work.

Sincerely,

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Attorney General Josh Stein

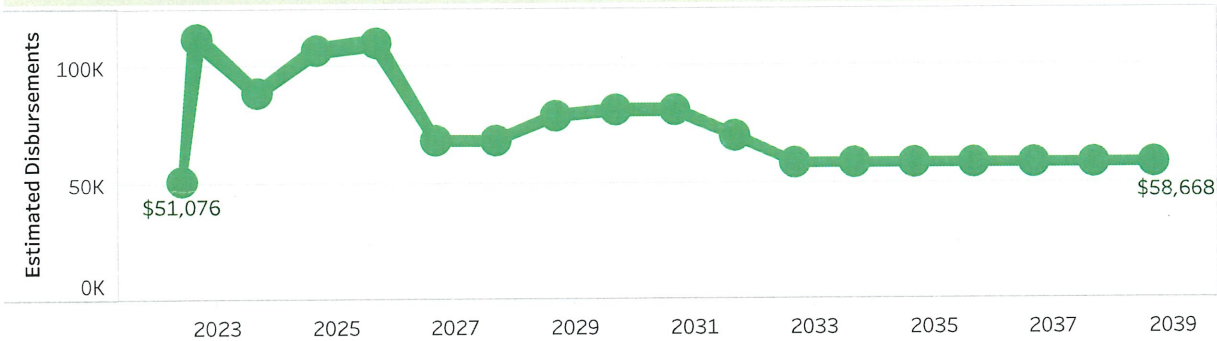
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City of High Point

18 Year Payment to City of High Point during 2022-2038:

\$1,329,435

### Payments Over Time - City of High Point



### Payment Table - City of High Point

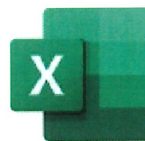
| Year | Season | Amount    |
|------|--------|-----------|
| 2022 | Spring | \$51,076  |
|      | Summer | \$112,327 |
| 2023 | Summer | \$88,900  |
| 2024 | Summer | \$107,223 |
| 2025 | Summer | \$110,381 |
| 2026 | Summer | \$68,451  |
| 2027 | Summer | \$68,451  |
| 2028 | Summer | \$78,902  |
| 2029 | Summer | \$81,391  |
| 2030 | Summer | \$81,391  |
| 2031 | Summer | \$70,266  |
| 2032 | Summer | \$58,668  |
| 2033 | Summer | \$58,668  |
| 2034 | Summer | \$58,668  |
| 2035 | Summer | \$58,668  |
| 2036 | Summer | \$58,668  |
| 2037 | Summer | \$58,668  |
| 2038 | Summer | \$58,668  |

Amount

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