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The Honorable Karen E. Spilka
Chairwoman, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212
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The Honorable Brian S. Dempsey
Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
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The Honorable Jennifer L. Flanagan
Chairwoman, Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
State House, Room 208
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Kay Khan
Chairwoman, Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
State House, Room 146
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Dear Chairs:

Enclosed please find two documents in response to statutory language in line item 4800-0015 of chapter 46 of the acts of 2016.

The first attachment is a chart of non-identified fair hearing requests received in fiscal year 2016 as of November 30, 2015. This chart includes (a) the subject matter of the appeal, (b) the number of days between the hearing request and the first date of hearing, (e) the number of days of continuance granted at the appellant's request, and (f) the number of days of continuance granted at the request of the department of children and families or the hearing officer's request, specifying which party made the request.

The second attachment of two charts provides details about how many Fair Hearing Requests are pending and for how long they have been pending.

If you have any questions, please contact Leah Robins, Legislative Director at 617-748-2193.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Spears
Commissioner

- Encl: 1. Docket of Fair Hearing Requests in FY16
2. Fair Hearing Requests Currently Pending