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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Justice to pay Fiscal Year 2016 dues to the National Association of Attorneys General in the amount of \$30,350 for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, effective upon Governor and Council approval or July 1, 2015, whichever is later. 100% General Funds.

Funding for this request is available in account #02-20-20-200010-2601-500251, Department of Justice, Attorney General as follows upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY16 Amount</u>
026-500251	Membership Dues	\$30,350

EXPLANATION

The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) was founded in 1907 to help Attorneys General fulfill their responsibilities by providing high quality legal assistance to the states. NAAG helps Attorneys General respond effectively to emerging state and federal issues by pooling resources, offering technical expertise, fostering interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducting policy research and analysis of issues and facilitating communication between states' chief legal officers. NAAG advises Attorneys General and their staffs of significant legal developments and emerging trends occurring in the states and federal government through information exchange, programs and training. This is becoming increasingly important in these changing times.

Additionally, NAAG plays a critical role for the Consumer Bureau. They facilitate all of our multi-state actions and multi-state settlements, from which the State has benefited financially. NAAG often provides technical and legal assistance, provides research support, keep us abreast of national

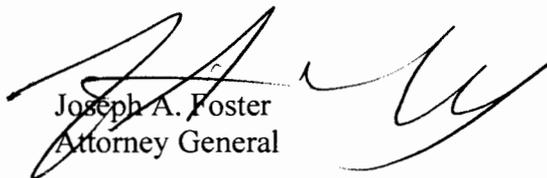
issues of interest and concern to our state, and facilitate that communication with other states. They have been major players in the tobacco and prescription drug pricing litigation.

Attached you will find the standard questions and answers required for organizational dues and memberships.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this request.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


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Standard questions required for Governor and Council for organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?*

The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) has been in existence since 1907. The Department of Justice (DOJ) has belonged to this organization since our agency was established.

2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?*

The DOJ does not belong to another organization providing the same or similar benefits.

3. *How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?*

All 50 states and US territories are members of NAAG. The DOJ is the sole agency in New Hampshire belonging to this organization.

4. *How is the dues structure established?*

The dues model for NAAG assigns the states and territories into eight separate groups based on population. The dues model calls for an annual increase of 3% or the CPI, whichever is greater, with the added restriction that no NAAG dues category will exceed 50% of the NGA dues category.

5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?*

- The State receives approximately \$40 million annually from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, in which DOJ participates through litigation coordinated through NAAG.
- NAAG helps the Attorneys General respond to emerging state and federal issues by pooling resources, offering technical expertise, fostering interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducting policy research and analysis of issues, and facilitating communication between states' chief legal officers.
- NAAG advises Attorneys General and their staff of significant legal developments and emerging trends occurring in the states and federal government through information exchange, programs and training.
- NAAG plays a critical role for the Consumer Protection Bureau by facilitating all of the multi-state actions and multi-state settlements.
- NAAG is a significant partner in the tobacco and prescription drug pricing litigation.

6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included.*

Yes, training and educational/research materials are included in this membership. The cost of the trainings is partially included in this membership and partially paid for by NAAG's training and research entity, National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI).

7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams?*

This membership is not required.

8. *Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.*

There is travel involved for 3 specific meetings attended by the Attorney General and many trainings attended by staff other than the Attorney General (addressed in question number 9). The Deputy Attorney General attends one annual national meeting and one of our two appellate chiefs attends an annual appellate meeting. The cost for travel, room and board is provided in lump sum scholarships for each trip. The purpose of these specific trips is to update the Deputy Attorney General and Chief of Staff on issues that relate to all attorneys general offices and the appellate chiefs to be updated on appellate issues, and to provide for open dialogue for common approaches to all of the issues.

NAAG also provides training throughout the year on a myriad of topics that relate to common issues faced by attorneys general's offices. These topics include taking depositions, trial strategies, management development, environmental issues, drug prosecutions, consumer protection matters, advanced investigation techniques, etc. Each of these trainings is scheduled in a different place in the United States and the cost for travel, room and board, and the training itself is provided in a lump sum scholarship. Not every applicant is accepted for the trainings. In the 2015 fiscal year, the DOJ sent 9 attorneys to trainings. These trainings were located all around the United States. NAAG also provided a no-cost training in New Hampshire on human trafficking, which was attended by 65 attorneys and law enforcement officers.

9. *Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members and or officers of the organization).*

Attorney General Joseph Foster is currently a general member of NAAG. He will likely be attending at least three meetings specifically for the Attorneys General of each state.

10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.*

- Loss of benefits outlined in question five (settlement dollars are not conditioned on NAAG membership, but New Hampshire's involvement in ongoing coordinated tobacco litigation on a national level would be compromised).
- Lack of knowledge and involvement in major settlements such as tobacco and the mortgage settlement that potentially bring millions of dollars into the State.
- Loss of critical training opportunities for all DOJ staff.
- Lack of knowledge and cooperation with other states in major state and federal emerging issues.



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National Association of Attorneys General FY2016 Dues
(July 2015 – June 2016) \$ 30,350

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Total Amount Due \$ 30,350

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