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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council  
State Capitol

Re: Retention of Special Counsel

Dear Victoria:

Our office requests authorization pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to retain Special Counsel to provide legal services and representation to the Iowa Grain Indemnity Fund Board (the Board) with respect to claims asserted in a bankruptcy matter, *In re Pipeline Foods*, Case No. 21-11002, pending in Delaware.

The Board operates under Iowa Code Chapter 203D.4 to oversee the Iowa Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnity Fund which provides indemnity to Iowa farmers for losses in covered grain transactions. Once indemnity is paid the Fund is subrogated to farmers claims. Here the Fund has claims in the bankruptcy matter. The case involves bankruptcy issues in a foreign jurisdiction. This office has determined that it would be in the best interests of the State to engage Special Counsel with expertise in similar matters to represent the Board in this matter.

This office has consulted with the Board and we recommend Bielli & Klauder LLC, 1204 N. King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 to act as Special Counsel in this matter. David Klauder will act as primary counsel for the matter and fees will range from \$225 to \$400 per hour. Fees and associated costs of litigation will be paid by the Board.

Accordingly, our office recommends that Bielli & Klauder, LLC be approved as Special Counsel.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY S. THOMPSON  
Solicitor General