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The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr. Senator Virginia General Assembly P.O. Box 6205 Williamsburg, Virginia 23188

Dear Senator Norment:

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Gordon C. Helsel Virginia General Assembly P.O. Box 2571 Poquoson, Virginia 23662

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The Honorable Michael P. Mullin Delegate Virginia General Assembly P. O. Box 14011 Newport News, Virginia 23608

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The Honorable Brenda L. Pogge Virginia General Assembly P.O. Box 196 Norge, Virginia 23127

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The Honorable Mamie Locke Senator Virginia General Assembly P.O. Box 9048 Hampton, Virginia 23670

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The Honorable T. Montgomery "Monty" Mason Senator Virginia General Assembly P.O. Box 232 Williamsburg, Virginia 23187

Dear Senator Mason:

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