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Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find the current edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – JULY 28, 2017

TOP STORIES

NORTH KOREA CONDUCTS NEW BALLISTIC MISSILE TEST. The missile reached an altitude of about 3,000km (1,865 miles) and landed in the sea off Japan, the Japanese national broadcaster NHK said. [Read more.](#)

AS OBAMACARE REPEAL FAILS, OPTIMISM FOR NDAA. After a stunning late-night vote in which Sens. John McCain, Lisa Murkowski, and Susan Collins - all Republicans - voted with Democrats to shoot down the GOP's closely held "skinny repeal" bill, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-NY, said he was ready to let the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act advance. [Read more.](#)

HOW TRUMP'S WHITE HOUSE CAN STILL UNDERMINE OBAMACARE.
The administration has for months taken steps to undercut the Affordable Care

Act independent from Congress. Friday's collapse of Senate Republicans' slimmed-down repeal bill could push President Donald Trump to escalate those efforts, possibly by taking aim at the law's individual mandate. [Read more.](#)

RUSSIA RETALIATES FOR SANCTIONS BY ORDERING CUTS TO DIPLOMATIC STAFF. Moscow retaliated Friday for a new package of sanctions by the United States and ordered the expulsion of American diplomats and seized recreational property used by embassy staff. [Read more.](#)

ADMINISTRATION

SCARAMUCCI IN VULGAR TIRADE AGAINST WHITE HOUSE COLLEAGUE PRIEBUS. The new communications director for U.S. President Donald Trump has launched a strongly- worded attack on the White House chief of staff. [Read more.](#)

TRUMP SLAMS SESSIONS, RIPS DOJ IN TWITTER OUTBURST. President Donald Trump lashed out at his attorney general and Justice Department in an extraordinary outburst on Twitter Tuesday morning, continuing his public shaming of Jeff Sessions while appearing to prod the nation's top law enforcement official to investigate Hillary Clinton, his 2016 election opponent. [Read more.](#)

CONGRESS

SENATE REJECTS OBAMACARE REPEAL. The Senate Republicans' push to dismantle Obamacare collapsed in dramatic fashion early Friday morning, when two centrist GOP women and Sen. John McCain of Arizona teamed to sink an already scaled-back effort to dismantle the 2010 healthcare law. [Read more.](#)

GI BILL 2017: INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF THE REPUBLIC. The U.S. Senate will soon act on the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017. This bill expands eligibility for and extends indefinitely the benefits of the 2008 Post-9/11 GI Bill authored by Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.). [Read more.](#)

POLITICS

U.S. HITS IRAN WITH MORE SANCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO SPACE LAUNCH. The sanctions target six Iranian subsidiaries of the Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group. The Treasury Department says that group is “central” to Iran’s ballistic missiles program. [Read more.](#)

ON LONG ISLAND, TRUMP HIGHLIGHTS VIOLENCE FROM MS-13 GANG TO PUSH CONGRESS ON IMMIGRATION. President Trump on Friday warned of an uptick in violence from the transnational gang MS-13 that he said exploited weak political leadership and immigration enforcement. [Read more.](#)

DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MARINES GROUND KC-130T PLANES AFTER DEADLY CRASH. The Marine Corps has grounded its KC-130T aircraft following a crash that killed 15 Marines and one sailor in Mississippi. [Read more.](#)

TRANSGENDER BAN: NO POLICY CHANGE FOR NOW, SAYS TOP GENERAL. Transgender people will not be banned from serving in the U.S. military until the president issues guidance to the Pentagon, military officials say. [Read more.](#)

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

U.S. GROWTH ACCELERATES, BUT REMAINS SHORT OF PACE PROMISED BY TRUMP. The American economy grew at an annual rate of 2.6 percent last quarter, a big pickup from the beginning of 2017, but well short of the pace President Trump has promised and lower than what many experts had been anticipating until recently. [Read more.](#)

TECH COMPANIES HAVE REGAINED THEIR DOTCOM-ERA HIGHS. Bill Clinton was president when technology stocks, as measured by the S&P 500 tech index, last traded at their current levels. [Read more.](#)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

TRUMP FEUD WITH ALASKA SENATOR INTENSIFIES. The White House is

escalating its public feud with Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), a key swing vote who helped defeat the “skinny” Obamacare repeal plan early Friday morning. [Read more.](#)

OIL GAINS ON OPEC CUTS, RISING DEMANDS. U.S. crude is bumping up against \$50 for the first time in almost two months, retracing about half of the ground it lost during an unexpected selloff that started in March. [Read more.](#)

TECHNOLOGY

CHINA’S NEXT TARGET: U.S. MICROCHIP HEGEMONY. China is aiming “to take over more and more segments of the semiconductor market,” says White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, who fears Beijing will flood the market with inexpensive products and bankrupt U.S. companies. [Read more.](#)

BANNON PUSHING FOR TOUGHER REGULATIONS ON FACEBOOK, GOOGLE: REPORT. Stephen Bannon, President Trump’s chief strategist, has been pushing for regulating internet companies like Facebook and Google as public utilities, according to a report in The Intercept published Thursday. [Read more.](#)

RE
INVENT
HAMPTON ROADS

July 20, 2017

York County
Attn: Sheila S. Noll, Chair
224 Ballard St.
Yorktown, VA 23690

Re: GO VA Schedule

Dear Ms. Noll:

Last year the Virginia General Assembly and the Governor authorized an innovative program called GO VA which has as its goal the creation of more higher paying jobs throughout the commonwealth. The program provides funding to encourage and incentivize collaborations among various local governments that will result in job creation and improved economic performance. The effort focuses on nine economic regions across the Commonwealth.

In order to qualify for funding, projects need to represent a collaborative effort between two or more jurisdictions. Specific project proposals will be solicited by the Hampton Roads GO VA Regional Council in late August. Detailed information will be provided soon including a project application form and criteria. The purpose of this letter is to bring this opportunity to your attention as soon as possible, since the schedule for candidate submissions will be on a fairly short timeframe.

Project applications will be due to the Hampton Roads GO VA Regional Council (c/o Reinvent Hampton Roads) by close of business on October 31, 2017. All project submissions will be reviewed, prioritized and recommended for consideration by the Regional Council by November 15, 2017. Applications submitted by all nine GO VA regions will be considered and finally approved by the State GO VA Board, presently schedule to occur on December 12, 2017. For those projects selected, funding would flow immediately upon the completion of project agreements.

The General Assembly and the Governor have provided this unique opportunity for our jurisdictions and regions to creatively work together to enhance our economies. If you have questions, please feel free to call.

Best Regards,



James K. Spore
President and CEO

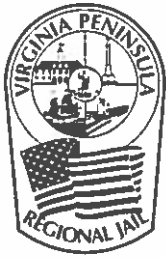
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July 31, 2017

Bryan J. Hill, Chairman
Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail Authority
Board of Directors
101 Mounts Bay Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Dear Mr. Hill,

This letter serves as my notice to the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail Authority Board of Directors that I have decided to retire from my position as Superintendent effective December 31, 2017. My decision to retire is largely based on personal reasons as they relate to having more than thirty-one years of service in the Virginia Retirement System, my age, and the narrowing window to receive the monthly hazardous duty supplement. I can further elaborate on my decision if the Board, collectively or individually, wishes to speak with me about the decision and its timing.

This decision was made after careful consideration and I believe retirement is in my best interests and the organization. I am excited about the opportunity for new initiatives that can be undertaken when the jail's debt service payments end in Fiscal Year 2018. We have already started developing a "wish list" of staff recommendations and will continue to do so during my remaining time as Superintendent. I am willing to offer my services post-retirement if the Board or the Superintendent believes I can assist the jail.

I became a swift and true believer in direct supervision as the guiding principle of facility design and inmate management. I thank my family for understanding my passion and having the patience while I dedicated myself to my profession and the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail. I thank the Board of Directors who hired me in January, 1996 and trusted me to open the facility in June, 1997. I thank the Board for allowing me to pursue my passion and support me and jail staff over the past twenty-one plus years.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Kuplinski
Superintendent