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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, Governor of Virginia  
Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Bernard M. Chirico, Vice President for Student Affairs  
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DATE: September 22, 2006

RE: **ANNUAL REPORT ON ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF THE AGING  
OF THE POPULATION PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL 110 OF THE 2006  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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The University of Mary Washington submits the following report in fulfillment of the requirement of House Bill 110.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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HB 110 (2006 Session) amended Va. Code § 2.2-5510 to require that each state agency “*report by October 1 of each year to the Governor and to the General Assembly its progress for addressing the impact of the aging of the population in at least five specific actions.*”

The University of Mary Washington serves primarily the traditional college-age population on its Fredericksburg campus and serves primarily the adult population on its Stafford campus.

Although the core mission of the institution does not involve directly the aging population, the University supports “lifelong learning” as part of its mission statement and is pleased to support programs such as ElderStudy. Our annual report follows which addresses the requirements of HB 110 indicated above.

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## REPORT

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1. *To the extent such data is available, the number of persons who received services from the agency in the past fiscal year who fell into each of the following age ranges: 65-74; 75-84; and 85 and older. If the agency can provide data that compares such numbers to numbers of senior citizens served in the past, please do so. If the agency lacks specific information about the numbers of senior citizens it serves, but has other evidence indicating that it is serving more or fewer senior citizens than it has in the past, please describe the basis for that estimation.*

For Fall 2005 enrollment statistics show zero students age 65 or older.

For Fall 2006 enrollment statistics show one student aged 68, one aged 72, and one aged 73.

2. *Identify the agency services that are utilized by senior citizens 65 and older in significant numbers. Indicate whether the agency has the capacity at present to serve all interested seniors or whether the demand for certain services exceeds the agency's capacity. If so, does the agency maintain waiting lists for services?*

There are no agency services utilized by seniors in significant numbers. The agency has the capacity at present to serve all seniors who might be interested in the educational program offerings.

3. *Identify current agency programs, specifically designed to serve seniors 65 and older, that fall into any of the following six categories: Health Care/Wellness; Education; Public Safety; Recreation; Financial Security (including Housing); and Transportation.*

Health Care/Wellness: None

Education: Seniors may enroll in classes offered at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies on the Stafford campus.

Public Safety: None

Recreation: None

Financial Security: None

Transportation: None

4. *Identify the extent to which your agency provides “consumer-oriented” publications and websites online that are designed to be “senior-friendly.” If the information you currently provide is not readily accessible to seniors, identify any steps your agency is taking to improve accessibility.*

No consumer-oriented publications or web-sites are directed at the senior population; however, the UMW web pages use Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). This makes the page simpler to read with text and screen readers for the visually impaired, and allows the user to adjust font size in the page they are viewing.

5. *Describe any other services or programs that the agency has implemented or plans to implement in the future to address the impact of the aging of Virginia’s population.*

The aging of Virginia’s population does not affect the agency’s ability to offer its core educational services. Recruitment to fill faculty vacancies left by retiring professors is national and not limited to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the applicant pool is expected to remain robust.