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July 21, 2008

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Senate of Virginia
10677 Aviation Lane
Manassas, VA 20110-2701

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
P.O. Box 127
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RE: Report on the amounts paid for Guardian ad Litem purposes, amounts reimbursed by parents and/or guardians and the savings achieved.

Dear Chairmen Colgan and Putney:

Pursuant to Item 34, Paragraph E, of the 2007 Appropriations Act, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia is required to submit a report on August 1 and January 1 each year on actions taken to comply with the requirement that courts seek reimbursement from parents/guardians for the costs of services rendered by a guardian ad litem for children. Please find below an account of the amounts paid for Guardian ad Litem purposes, amounts reimbursed by parents and/or guardians and the savings achieved for the months of July 1, 2007 through June 1, 2008.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem – \$ 14,312,554
- Amounts assessed against parents – \$ 1,716,169
- Amounts collected from parents (savings) – \$ 1,107,214

If additional information is needed about the implementation of this budget requirement by the court system, please do not hesitate to contact me at 786-6455.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K R HADE".

Karl R. Hade

C: Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Committee
Paul Van Lenten, House Appropriations Committee
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