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The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Chairman
Senate of Virginia Committee on Finance
10660 Aviation Lane
Manassas, Virginia 20110-2701

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, Chairman
Virginia House of Delegates Committee on Appropriations
Post Office Box 127
Bedford, Virginia 24523

Re: Department of Forensic Science Budget Reduction Plan,
as required by Item 396C of the 2010 Appropriations Act,
Chapter 874, 2010 Acts of Assembly

Dear Chairman Colgan and Chairman Putney:

The 2010 Appropriations Act requires the Department of Forensic Science (DFS), in implementing enacted budget reductions for the 2010-2012 biennium, to develop a plan, subject to the approval of Secretary of Public Safety Marla G. Decker, to reduce the agency's administrative expenses. Such a plan has been prepared and approved by Secretary Decker, and, as also required by Item 396 C of the Appropriations Act, is being submitted herein to you.

As compared to the funding level proposed in the Introduced Budget, DFS' approved appropriation was reduced by \$271,983 and 2 FTEs for FY 2011 and \$282,728 and 2 FTEs for FY 2012. To implement the required reductions, DFS will eliminate one administrative manager from the Department's Division of Administration and Finance and the associated costs of the position's salary and benefits (\$106,000). The duties of that position will be assigned to other managers, thereby increasing their span of control. In addition, DFS will eliminate one information technology specialist position, also from the Division of Administration and Finance, and the associated costs of that position's salary and benefits (\$98,000). The balance of the reductions in administrative expenses

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will be achieved from costs savings derived from new custodial services contracts (\$67,983 in FY11 and 78,728 in FY12).

DFS is pleased to be able to achieve its reduction in expenses by these means, which do not eliminate any scientific positions or reduce scientific services. Please let me know if you have any questions or require further information regarding any of the reductions being implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Marone", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter M. Marone

cc: The Honorable Marla G. Decker