



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

James S. Cheng  
Secretary of Commerce and Trade

January 18, 2011

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

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
House of Delegates  
P.O. Box 127  
Bedford, Virginia 24523

Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

Thank you very much for your support of Governor McDonnell's "Jobs and Opportunity" agenda during the 2010 General Assembly session and I look forward to working with you during the current legislative session.

As required by Item 114 Paragraph O. 2 of the 2010 Appropriation Act, I am submitting a report on the funding provided for the Virginia Biotechnology Wet-Laboratory Program. For Fiscal Year 2011, \$1,500,000 was included in the budget for this program. These funds were specifically designated for George Mason University to create the Virginia Immunology Center (VIC) and the funds were to be released only after the VIC had received an acceptable PPEA proposal and submitted that to your committees.

The VIC has not yet submitted a PPEA proposal to your committees and thus the funds have not been released. Correspondingly, since no funds have been spent, no jobs or companies have yet been created as a result of this appropriation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James S. Cheng", enclosed within a large, stylized circular flourish.

James S. Cheng