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The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Senate of Virginia, Room 626
P.O. Box 396
Richmond, Virginia 23218

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates, Room 947
P.O. Box 406
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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 43, Paragraph E of the Appropriations Act, Chapter 874, 2010 Acts of Assembly, 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 Guardians 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 from July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

- Amounts paid for Guardians ad Litem – \$ 8,947,206
- Amounts assessed against parents – \$ 1,342,157
- Amounts collected from parents (savings) – \$ 648,530

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, I am

Very truly yours,

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cc: Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Committee
Michael Jay, House Appropriations Committee
Lelia Baum Hopper, Director, Court Improvement Program
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