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The Honorable David B. Albo
Chairman, House Courts of Justice Committee
6367 Rolling Mill Place, Suite 102
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The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
Chairman, Senate Courts of Justice Committee
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Dear Chairmen:

Virginia Code § 17.1-507 provides that the Judicial Council shall make a study and report to the Courts of Justice Committees of the House of Delegates and Senate on the number of new circuit court judgeships needed and the circuits for which they should be authorized. The Judicial Council last studied the need for new circuit court judgeships in 2008. At that time, the Council found the need for six new circuit court judgeships. However, due to the economic difficulties faced by the Commonwealth, the Chief Justice did not seek authorization for these new judgeships during the 2009 Session of the General Assembly.

Since that time, in light of the continuing economic situation, the Supreme Court has not intended to seek authorization for any new judgeships, and the Judicial Council has not conducted a study regarding the need for new circuit court judgeships.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KRH".

Karl R. Hade

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cc: The Honorable Susan C. Schaar, Clerk
The Honorable G. Paul Nardo, Clerk
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