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The Honorable Terry McAuliffe  
Governor of Virginia  
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The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Co-Chairman  
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones, Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
General Assembly Building  
P.O. Box 406  
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RE: Quarterly Report pursuant to Va. Code § 19.2-163

Dear Governor McAuliffe and Chairmen Colgan, Stosch, and Jones:

Virginia Code § 19.2-163 requires the Executive Secretary to report to the Governor, members of the House Appropriations Committee and members of the Senate Finance Committee, on a quarterly basis, “the number and category of offenses charged involving adult and juvenile offenders in cases in which court-appointed counsel is assigned” and “the amounts paid by waiver above the initial cap to court-appointed counsel.”

The following table details the vouchers submitted for compensation by court-appointed counsel during fiscal year 2015 and reflects the number and category of offenses charged involving adult and juvenile offenders:

**Number and Category of Offenses Charged Involving Adult and Juvenile Offenders  
 in Cases With Court-Appointed Counsel Assigned  
 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Cumulative (7/1/14-6/30/15)**

Category of Offense	Number of Charges	Amount Paid
<b>Adult Offenders:</b>		
Misdemeanors	116,852	\$ 15,158,715
Felony ≤ 20 years	92,018	\$ 32,094,617
Felony > 20 years	8,879	\$ 9,255,339
Capital Murder	46	\$ 2,964,601
<b>Total:</b>	<b>217,795</b>	<b>\$ 59,473,272</b>
<b>Juvenile Offenders:</b>		
Misdemeanors	14,368	\$ 1,932,771
Felony < 20 years	4,582	\$ 707,102
Felony > 20 years	482	\$ 109,660
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19,432</b>	<b>\$ 2,749,533</b>
<b>Adult + Juvenile Offenders:</b>		
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>237,227</b>	<b>\$ 62,222,805</b>

During fiscal year 2015, 9,331 requests for waivers of statutory fee caps were submitted seeking a total of \$ 4,926,314, and 8,804 requests for waivers were approved for a total of \$ 4,289,663 paid to court-appointed attorneys above the initial statutory fee cap. A breakdown of the waivers requested by category of offense charged and type of offender is provided in the table below.

**Waivers Requested by Court-Appointed Counsel Above the Initial Cap  
 by Category of Offense Charged and Type of Offender  
 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Cumulative (7/1/14-6/30/15)**

Category of Offense	Waivers Approved			Waivers Denied	
	Number of Waivers	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Number of Waivers	Amount Requested
<b>Adult Offenders:</b>					
Misdemeanors	4,621	\$ 1,038,833	\$ 948,508	308	\$ 49,310
Felony ≤ 20 years	2,472	\$ 1,957,457	\$ 1,770,971	110	\$ 48,210
Felony > 20 years	416	\$ 1,394,798	\$ 1,219,866	20	\$ 20,526
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7,509</b>	<b>\$ 4,391,088</b>	<b>\$ 3,939,345</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>\$ 118,046</b>
<b>Juvenile Offenders:</b>					
Misdemeanors	785	\$ 182,850	\$ 164,347	53	\$ 9,056
Felony ≤ 20 years	427	\$ 156,062	\$ 136,837	29	\$ 10,675
Felony > 20 years	83	\$ 56,607	\$ 49,134	7	\$ 1,930
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>\$ 395,519</b>	<b>\$ 350,318</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>\$ 21,661</b>
<b>Adult + Juvenile Offenders:</b>					
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>8,804</b>	<b>\$ 4,786,607</b>	<b>\$ 4,289,663</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>\$ 139,707</b>

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



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