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The Honorable Brian J. Moran
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The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
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The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Secretary Moran and Chairmen Norment, Hanger, and Jones:

As directed in Item 398 J. 1 of the 2016 Appropriations Act, the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) solicited proposals from local and regional jails to establish pilot programs to provide mental health services to inmates. Nineteen jails submitted proposals, with a total request of about \$2,656,000 for FY17 and about \$5,319,000 for FY18.

In consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and the Compensation Board, we reviewed the applications applying the criteria provided for in Item 398 and selected six sites.

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The selected pilot programs are:

- Chesterfield County Jail
- Hampton Roads Regional Jail
- Middle River Regional Jail
- Prince William – Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center
- Richmond City Justice Center
- Western Virginia Regional Jail

The six pilot sites selected include both rural and urban localities, local and regional jails, and incorporate different approaches to providing mental health services in the jail. The funding will provide treatment clinicians, case management, screening and assessments, psychiatric services in person and with tele-psychiatry, linkage to care in the community, re-entry planning, continuity of medication, and evidence-based group and individual therapy.

As the programs develop, we will work with DBHDS and the Compensation Board to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the pilot programs and will report the successes and lessons learned.

Sincerely,



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c: Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr, Secretary of Health and Human Services
Honorable Nancy Rodrigues, Secretary of Administration
Ms. Robyn M. de Socio, Executive Secretary, Compensation Board
Mr. Michael Schaefer, Assistant Commissioner of Forensic Services, DBHDS