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The Honorable S. Chris Jones
Chairman, Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
Post Office Box 5059
Suffolk, Virginia 23435

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
Co-Chairman, Finance Committee
Senate of Virginia
Post Office Box 2
Mount Solon, Virginia 22843

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
Co-Chairman, Finance Committee
Senate of Virginia
Post Office Box 6205
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Re: Department of State Police/VITA Transitional Plan

Dear Senators Hanger and Norment and Delegate Jones:

Item 476 I, Chapter 836 of the 2017 Acts of Assembly (the Appropriation Act) directs the Superintendent of State Police to report by September 15, 2017, to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance on a detailed plan for the transition of information technology services currently provided in collaboration with the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA). In addition to this report, I am required to provide a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of State Police and the Virginia Information Technologies Agency certifying the cost estimates and technical solutions required for the Department of State Police to assume responsibility for all related information technology infrastructure and services.

Given the malware incident that occurred on April 21, 2017, and the remediation efforts that continue to this day, the Department of State Police (VSP) will be unable to meet the reporting deadline specified in the Appropriation Act. To determine the path forward, VSP is collaborating with VITA along with the vendors Mandiant and Presidio to conduct another assessment of the two agencies' information technology environments.

This assessment will evaluate VITA's capabilities and capacities, as well as VSP's unique requirements as they relate to public safety and CJIS; the security effectiveness and capability of transformation or separation, the upfront and recurring detailed cost comparisons (staff and technology) to achieve complete transformation or complete separation as well as identify and evaluate anticipated solution(s) timelines, tasks, activities, and responsible parties. It is anticipated that the Mandiant/Presidio final report will fulfill the report requirements to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. S. Glaherty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "W".

Superintendent

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