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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.  
Co-Chairman, Finance Committee  
Senate of Virginia  
Post Office Box 2  
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones  
Chairman, Appropriations Committee  
Virginia House of Delegates  
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Suffolk, Virginia 23435-0059

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.  
Co-Chairman, Finance Committee  
Senate of Virginia  
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Dear Senators Hanger and Norment and Delegate Jones:

Enactment 11 of Chapters 759/769, 2016 Acts of Assembly, requires the Directors of the Departments of Planning and Budget and General Services to provide a quarterly report on the status of the General Assembly Building capital project. The fourth quarterly report is provided through the information in the paragraph below and the enclosed letter from Mr. Chris Beschler, Director of the Department of General Services.

To date, \$51.5 million in appropriation has been transferred to cover various elements of this project from the authorizing central pool, of which \$27.3 million has been spent. This funding provides for: site evaluation and detailed planning for the new General Assembly Building; preparation of swing space at Main Street Station and the Monroe and Pocahontas Buildings; relocation of legislative staff to these facilities; and the abatement and demolition of the existing General Assembly Building.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Timberlake

Enclosure

c: The Honorable Richard D. Brown  
Ms. Betsy Daley  
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Mr. Chris Beschler



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October 2, 2017

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Dear Mr. Timberlake:

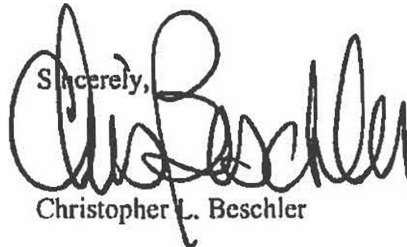
In accordance with paragraph 11 of Chapters 759/769 of the 2016 Acts of Assembly, included herein is an update on the status of the completion of the General Assembly Building Project (18081-001).

**Project Status:** In Design and Construction

**Progress to Date:**

- *Continuation of design work:* The schematic design was approved by the offices of the Clerk of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Joint Rules Members in August. The new building rendering showing the 15-story, 426,000-square foot Modern Classical design, with the 1912 historic façade incorporated was presented and well received by the Department of Historic Resources, the Art and Architectural Review Board and the Capitol Square Preservation Council. The preliminary design is underway by the design team.
- *Construction:* The construction manager, Gilbane, continues with the asbestos abatement and interior demolition. The installation of the 1912 historic façade bracing tower will begin in early October and continue for the three months. The building demolition of the exterior is scheduled to begin in January, with an anticipated completion date in October, 2018.
- *Funding:* Pursuant to the capital outlay project funding process, capital funds to proceed to and through preliminary design have been approved. Construction funding will be requested in the Spring of 2018 for the new building construction.

**Next Steps:** Continue building design efforts working towards the completion of preliminary design documents.

Sincerely,  
  
Christopher L. Beschler