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The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain  
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The Honorable David B. Albo  
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Dear Chairmen:

In accordance with Chapter 1024, enactment clause 2, of the 2004 Acts of Assembly, please find below information on the number of petitions for writs of actual innocence filed pursuant to Chapter 19.3 of Title 19.2, and the dispositions thereof, for calendar year 2016.

- One petition was pending on January 1, 2016.
- Twenty-one petitions were filed in 2016.
- Nineteen petitions were disposed of in 2016. The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
  - Sixteen petitions were summarily dismissed.
  - Two petitions were dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto, if any.
  - One petition was dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto, if any, and the circuit court's finding of fact.
- Three petitions were pending as of December 31, 2016.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Karl R. Hade (by EMM)".

Karl R. Hade

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cc: Division of Legislative Automated Systems  
Cynthia L. McCoy, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Virginia