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January 3, 2019

The Honorable Mark D. Obenshain  
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P.O. Box 555  
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The Honorable Robert B. Bell  
Chairman, Courts of Justice Committee  
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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 2018.

- Four petitions were pending on January 1, 2018.
- Fifteen petitions were filed in 2018.
- Sixteen petitions were disposed of in 2018. The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
  - Eleven petitions were summarily dismissed.
  - Three petitions were dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto, if any.
  - Two writs were issued, and the convictions vacated.
- Three petitions are pending as of December 31, 2018.

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

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Karl R. Hade in black ink.

Karl R. Hade

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