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The Honorable John S. Edwards  
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The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds  
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The Honorable Robert B. Bell  
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Dear Chairs Edwards, Deeds, and Bell:

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 2022.

- Twenty-two petitions were pending on January 1, 2022.
- Forty petitions were filed in 2022.
- Fifty petitions were disposed of in 2022. The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
  - Two writs were issued, and the convictions vacated.
  - Thirty-seven petitions were summarily dismissed.
  - Eight petitions were dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto, if any.
  - Two petitions were dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto, if any, and the circuit court's findings of fact.
  - One petition was withdrawn.
- Twelve petitions are pending as of December 31, 2022.

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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 black ink, appearing to read 'K R Hade', with a stylized, cursive-like script.

Karl R. Hade

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cc: Division of Legislative Automated Systems  
A. John Vollino, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Virginia