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The Honorable John S. Edwards
Co-Chair, Judiciary Committee
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The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds
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The Honorable Terry G. Kilgore
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Dear Chairs Edwards, Deeds, and Kilgore:

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 2023.

- Twelve petitions were pending on January 1, 2023.
- Forty-one petitions were filed in 2023.
- Thirty-three petitions were disposed of in 2023. The dispositions of those cases were as follows:
 - Thirty-one petitions were summarily dismissed.
 - One petition was dismissed following consideration of the Attorney General's response to the petition and petitioner's reply thereto, if any.

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- 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 findings of fact.
- Twenty petitions are pending as of December 31, 2023.

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

Very truly yours,



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