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The Honorable Randy Minchew, Delegate  
The Honorable David LaRock, Delegate

Dear Randy and Dave,

I trust this letter finds you both in good health. Both of you have asked me recently about the ramifications to my office if a budget is not adopted in Virginia.

I am concerned that a Virginia budget has not been adopted for the next fiscal year but I am optimistic that our current leaders in Virginia will make the right decisions to ensure our citizens continue to receive the services offered by the clerks of the circuit court. My office is essential to the business community as the clerk accepts deeds for recordation and provides access to critical land records information to the business community. The revenue that my office collects for the Commonwealth is substantial and necessary for the Commonwealth to continue its economic stability.

Most importantly, my office provides direct services to thousands of average citizens who seek to obtain a marriage license, acquire their notary public credentials, file a business name application or search family history by examining the historic court records. Additionally, my office is vital to the legal community in terms of accepting filings of court papers, instituting court cases and administering criminal court cases.

Without a budget for the next fiscal year, my office may experience significant issues related to the prompt processing of legal matters, criminal case litigants may have to spend more time in jail awaiting their time in court, real estate transactions may be delayed as a result not being to legally record a deed to convey real property and weddings may be postponed since a bride and groom cannot obtain a marriage license.

The services that clerks of circuit court provide Virginia citizens are valuable and essential. It is my hope that we will have a budget adopted in Virginia for the next fiscal year so we can continue providing these services that our citizens deserve. If I can assist with this process, please feel free to contact me at (703) 777-0277. Thank you for your service to Loudoun County as a delegate to the Virginia General Assembly.

Sincerely yours,

*Gary M. Clemens*

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