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The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe
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Dear Governor McAuliffe:

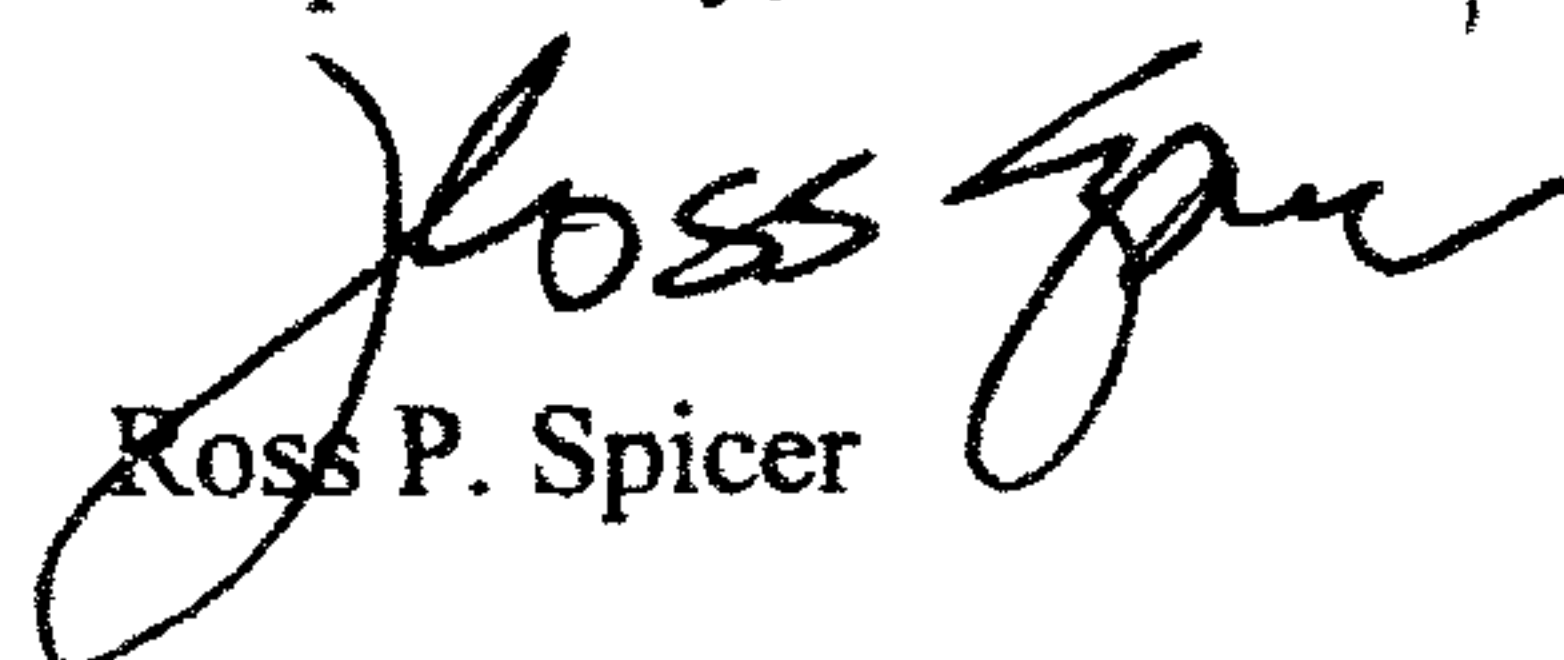
I write this letter in my personal capacity. I am the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Frederick County. I previously served on the Frederick County Board of Supervisors. I am deeply concerned about the failure of the General Assembly to pass a state budget on time. As you know, constitutional officers in the Commonwealth of Virginia are considered state-supported, local employees. As such, we depend heavily on the timely passage of a state budget to carry out our duties on behalf of our citizens.

In order for me to provide the citizens of Frederick County with the services that I have been elected to provide, it is essential that the Frederick County Board establishes its annual budget in a timely and predictable manner. Failure to pass a timely budget will surely have negative consequences for the people of Frederick County.

I am sure you are also aware that Virginia is consistently recognized for its sound fiscal management and budgetary practices, as our AAA bond rating and the strong bond ratings of many local governments illustrates. Delaying the state budget not only imperils local government services, it could also have a negative impact on the bond rating of the Commonwealth and Frederick County.

I understand that there are many important issues facing the Commonwealth, including whether or not to expand our Medicaid system. While I encourage you and the General Assembly to continue to work on this important issue, I urge you and the Senate to remove this issue from the budget negotiation process and promptly pass a budget upon which the important functions of my office depend.

Respectfully,


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