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Governor Bob McDonnell  
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Dear Governor McDonnell,

We are writing you to request your immediate attention with regards to the impending release of your proposed Governors Budget for FY 2012 and FY 2013.

As you know, in 2010 the Virginia General Assembly enacted § 17.1-275.12 known as The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Fund, which creates a **dedicated** revenue stream and fund in the state Treasury to ensure that Virginia's two ICAC Task Forces, DCJS and Social Service efforts to combat child exploitation and abuse would be sustained long-term.

In 2010, the General Assembly estimated revenue for the fund at 1.8 million annually. Between the time the budget amendments (Deeds; Griffith) were incorporated into the biennium budget, that estimate had grown to 2.7 million. A provision was added to the Appropriations Act to allow the additional revenue for the ICAC Fund to be swept into the General Fund. That provision reads as follows:

*PART 3: MISCELLANEOUS § 3-1.01 INTERFUND TRANSFERS JJ. On or before June 30 each year the State Comptroller shall transfer \$1,800,000 from the fund created pursuant to § 17.1-275.12 of the Code of Virginia, to Items 331, 384, and 408 of this act, for the purposes enumerated in Section 17.1-275.12.*

*Any amounts remaining in the fund following these transfers, estimated at \$2,700,000 each year, shall be transferred to the general fund on or before June 30 of each year*

The ICAC Fund has led to great success in interdicting predators across the Commonwealth, has rescued hundreds of children from ongoing abuse and exploitation, has provided training and equipment to hundreds of law enforcement officers across the state, provides unprecedented transparency and accountability, and has created numerous law enforcement jobs dedicated to protecting children and stopping predators in their tracks. For these reasons we respectfully request the following:

1. Please remove the language in your proposed budget which allows the ICAC Fund to be "swept" and please provide the below break-out in your budget which

would estimate 2012-2013 funding at 2010-2011 levels, with explicit language that any remaining revenue, should there be any, be allocated according to the code under 17.1-275.12.

**2. Given the actual accrual rate confirmed by the Director of Public Accounts for this past year, we anticipate the fund will have \$2,430,836.87 million per year to allocate.**

**For each year please allocate the following:**

**\$ 800,000 to The Virginia State Police for the NOVA ICAC (Must submit written annual report to House Appropriations and Senate Finance)**

**\$ 800,000 to DCJS for the SOVA ICAC (Bedford Sheriff's Office) (Must submit written report annually to House Appropriations and Senate Finance)**

**\$ 580,000 to DCJS dedicated for ICAC grants to localities. (Annual written progress report to House Appropriations and Senate Finance)**

**\$ 70,000 to the Office of The Attorney General Cyber Crime Section for ICAC dedicated work. (Annual report to House and Senate)**

**\$ 180,000 to Virginia Department of Social Services broken out as follows:**

**a). \$100,000 for development of an end-to-end data tracking system for the Virginia Child Protection Accountability System.**

**b). \$ 80,000 for fulltime staff support person for Child Abuse and Fatality Review, quaterly progress reports shall be made available to public on the Virginia Child Protection Accountability Website maintained by VDSS.**

We look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We continue to appreciate your efforts to protect children in Virginia.

Sincerely,

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cc: Grier Weeks