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Subject: \$60 Million a Year Across-the-Board Cuts in Aid to Localities

Memorandum – Virginia Association of Counties

TO: VML and VACo City-County Managers and County Administrators
Mayors and Board Chairs

FROM: Mike Amyx, Executive Director of VML
James Campbell, Executive Director of VACo

SUBJECT: \$60 Million a Year Across-the-Board Cuts in Aid to Localities

For the past three years, VML and VACo have recommended that cities and counties simply cut a check to the state for each locality's share of the across-the-board cuts to aid to localities included in the state budget.

We were hopeful that the state would restore the budget cuts. However, our position has changed. Neither the General Assembly nor the governor has shown interest in the past few sessions in addressing the problem.

Also, the appropriation base by the state budget office determines each locality's share of the reduction continues to change without a logical basis. For example, the FY12 base excludes recordation tax revenue allocated for Northern Virginia localities and the City of Chesapeake because (we think) the money is tied to debt service. This apparently was not a state concern in fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011. In FY09, the state budget office would not accept local decisions to cut CSA even though CSA funding was included in the base. Now, localities can cut CSA. Is this demonstrating flexibility or confusion?

We are now requesting that you no longer simply stroke a check to comply with this budget drill. Instead, please elect to spread the reductions to as many programs as possible. This will place the administrative burden to collect the money on the state where the responsibility belongs. Localities are not obligated to make the collection of the funds a painless exercise for the state and a costly one for you.

If you have already told the state that you elect to write a check, we ask that you rescind that decision.

Finally, we encourage you to have your council or board adopt a resolution to be sent to Gov. Bob McDonnell asking him to restore the \$60 million in each year of next year's Budget Bill.

A draft resolution is enclosed.

If you have questions, please call or email:
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State Reductions In Aid To Localities Southampton County

Distributing Agency	Distribution Title	FY 2012 Base	FY 2012 Calculated Reduction	FY 2012 Locality Elected Reduction
State Board of Elections	Financial Assistance for General Registrar Compensation	\$29,720	\$1,654	\$1,654
State Board of Elections	Financial Assistance for Local Electoral Board Compensation and Expenses	\$6,182	\$344	\$344
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Sheriffs' Offices and Regional Jails	\$2,552,428	\$142,089	\$142,089
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Local Jail Per Diem	\$234,475	\$13,053	\$13,053
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Local Commissioners of the Revenue	\$32,769	\$1,824	\$1,824
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Operations of Local Attorneys for the Commonwealth	\$243,705	\$13,567	\$13,567
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Circuit Court Clerks	\$184,321	\$10,261	\$10,261
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Local Treasurers	\$12,073	\$672	\$672
The Library of Virginia	State Formula Aid for Local Public Libraries	\$79,448	\$4,423	\$4,423
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	Rolling Stock Taxes	\$65,488	\$3,646	\$3,646
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	Distribution of Recordation Taxes	\$32,054	\$1,784	\$1,784
Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families	Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services	\$277,242	\$15,434	\$15,434
Department of Juvenile Justice	Financial Assistance for Community Based Alternative Treatment Services	\$10,485	\$584	\$584
	REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COMMONWEALTH	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS		\$3,760,391	\$209,335	\$209,335
Amount Remaining To Elect:				\$0

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Distributing Agency	Distribution Title	FY 2011 Base	FY 2011 Calculated Reduction	FY 2011 Locality Elected Reduction
State Board of Elections	Financial Assistance for General Registrar Compensation	\$31,681	\$1,732	\$1,732
State Board of Elections	Financial Assistance for Local Electoral Board Compensation and Expenses	\$6,622	\$362	\$362
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Sheriffs' Offices and Regional Jails	\$2,616,246	\$143,035	\$143,035
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Local Jail Per Diem	\$272,537	\$14,900	\$14,900
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Local Commissioners of the Revenue	\$27,540	\$1,506	\$1,506
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Operations of Local Attorneys for the Commonwealth	\$244,630	\$13,374	\$13,374
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Circuit Court Clerks	\$184,526	\$10,088	\$10,088
Compensation Board	Financial Assistance for Local Treasurers	\$12,350	\$675	\$675
The Library of Virginia	State Formula Aid for Local Public Libraries	\$79,448	\$4,344	\$4,344
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	Distribution of Rolling Stock Taxes	\$67,057	\$3,666	\$3,666
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	Distribution of Recordation Taxes	\$20,725	\$1,133	\$1,133
Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families	Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services	\$168,251	\$9,199	\$9,199
Department of Juvenile Justice	Financial Assistance for Community based Alternative Treatment Services	\$10,420	\$570	\$570
	REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COMMONWEALTH	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS		\$3,742,032	\$204,584	\$204,584

Amount Remaining To Elect: \$0

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Distributing Agency	Distribution Title	FY 2010 Base	FY 2010 Calculated Reduction	FY 2010 Locality Elected Reduction	Reduction Description/Assumption
State Board of Elections	Financial Assistance to Local Government for Gen Registrar Compensation	\$42,112	\$1,734	\$1,734	reduction covered by locality
State Board of Elections	Financial Assistance to Local Government for Electoral Board Compensation/mileage	\$8,347	\$344	\$344	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Local Law Enforcement	\$704,909	\$29,029	\$29,029	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Local Court Services	\$460,423	\$18,961	\$18,961	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Local Jail Operations	\$1,618,808	\$66,665	\$66,665	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Local Jail Per Diems	\$492,520	\$20,283	\$20,283	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Local Commissioners of Revenue Operations	\$40,497	\$1,668	\$1,668	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	State Tax Services by Commissioners of Revenue	\$1,624	\$67	\$67	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Operations of Local Attorneys for the Commonwealth	\$273,641	\$11,269	\$11,269	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Operations of Circuit Court Clerks	\$132,698	\$5,465	\$5,465	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Circuit Court Clerks' Land Records	\$41,624	\$1,714	\$1,714	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	Operations of Local Treasurers	\$34,656	\$1,427	\$1,427	reduction covered by locality
Compensation Board	State Tax Services by Local Treasurers	\$1,528	\$63	\$63	reduction covered by locality
The Library of Virginia	Financial Assistance for Educational, Cultural, Community and Artistic Affairs (Blackwater (W C Rawls) Library)	\$68,528	\$2,822	\$2,822	reduction covered by locality
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	Distribution of Rolling Stock Taxes	\$52,438	\$2,159	\$2,159	reduction covered by locality
Department of Accounts Transfer Payments	Distribution of Recordation Taxes	\$35,725	\$1,471	\$1,471	reduction covered by locality
Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youthand Families	Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services	\$31,044	\$1,278	\$1,278	reduction covered by locality
Department of Social Services	General Relief	\$487	\$20	\$20	reduction covered by locality
Department of Juvenile Justice	Financial Assistance for Community Based Alternative Treatment Services	\$14,287	\$588	\$588	reduction covered by locality
	REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COMMONWEALTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	Locality opts to reimburse the Commonwealth rather than take reductions in state aid for the elected amount.
TOTALS		\$4,055,897	\$167,027	\$167,027	
			Amount Remaining To Elect:	\$0	