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Dear Brian,

I'm writing this letter as a follow-up to our conversations regarding the funding cuts to Community Corrections that were included in the Aid to Localities Reductions sent to Albemarle County by the Department of Planning and Budget.

As you are aware, Albemarle County serves as the fiscal agent for the 9 localities served by OAR. As the fiscal agent, the reductions for our program were included in your budget reduction package. While this remains a draft it is very clear that some reductions will be made. The total for Community Corrections currently is projected to be 4.17% for 2009 which equals \$30,528 and 4.12% for 2010 which equals \$30,128.

We understand that this is a difficult fiscal time for all agencies and for many departments but are asking Albemarle to help us address this issue with the other 8 localities served. While the reductions do not sound like a lot of money, when you are a small agency receiving a 4.17% cut makes a difference especially when 88% of the funds are personnel.

These reductions will impact both Pretrial and Local Probation. We serve all 9 of the localities with local probation and 8 of them with Pretrial as we provide pretrial services to the two regional jails this is area. I am attaching a chart that details the numbers and percentages served from each of the localities.

Our state association, Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association (VCCJA) recently met with the offices of the Secretary of Public Safety, the Department of Planning and Budget and staff representatives from the House Appropriations and Senate Finance. We discussed the issues and potential solutions. At this point there is no solution from the state for 2009. They believe these reductions are here to stay and will remain an issue for localities. This is the first time that we have been included in these reductions and were not made aware of this until most of the localities had passed

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their budgets for 2009. For 2010 the state indicated they would consider how to better spread this reduction across regional areas. We also have some time to address with the other localities we serve for 2010.

Below is the chart of the supervision placements for both Local Probation and Pretrial. You can see that all localities are served by our agency with the exception of Goochland County with Pretrial Services. The chart also includes the percentage for all 9 localities and the total cost to each locality for services provided.

Locality	Supervision Placements by Court in Local Probation	Supervision Placements by Court in Pretrial	Total	Percent of the Total	Amount of funds based on % served
Albemarle County	471	154	625	29%	\$8,853
City of Charlottesville	336	257	593	28%	\$8,548
Fluvanna County	71	41	112	5%	\$1,526
Goochland County	61	n/a	61	3%	\$916
Greene County	64	45	109	5%	\$1,526
Louisa County	110	109	219	10%	\$3,053
Madison County	48	61	109	5%	\$1,526
Nelson County	19	6	25	1%	\$306
Orange County	97	191	288	14%	\$4,274
Total	1,277	864	2,141	100%	\$30,528

We do want you to know that we are working with both VML and VACO to advocate for change for 2010. They too are concerned about the reductions in Aid to Localities. I will keep you updated on any legislative effort on their part on this issue as it relates to Community Corrections.

We are very concerned about the reductions and their impact on services to all of our localities. I am trying to work on solutions but am asking Albemarle County, as our fiscal agent, to consider helping me resolve this issue. I know it is not fair to expect you to absorb the cuts for 9 localities but ask for your assistance it addressing this with the other 8 localities.

I appreciate your time and effort helping us address this issue. Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Patricia L. Smith  
Executive Director