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Ms. Susan B. Williams
Local Government Policy Manager
DHCD
Main Street Centre
600 East Main St., Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Williams:

At their meeting on November 15, 2011, the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors voted to endorse the State Mandate Concerns that have been submitted by the Virginia Association of Counties. Of particular concern are the following:

- Storm Water Management – new unfunded mandate, as this has historically been a State program.
- Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act – specifically monitoring and enforcing the five-year septic tank pump out provision of the Act. This should be conducted by the Health Department, who issues the permits.
- Comprehensive Services Act – State match funding should be returned to the 2006 level.
- Bring Standards of Learning, the Standards of Accreditation and other administrative regulations into sync with the current Standards of Quality.
- Line of Duty Act – This was a state paid benefits program and localities were told that the state would always pay the bill for this program. The General Assembly expanded the personnel covered and the level of benefits, and now, when the State cannot afford it, passed the program onto localities for payment. In addition, the State is still retaining authority over the administration of these benefits.

In addition, we are hoping that no new mandates will make their way to the local level, such as maintenance for secondary roads.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Culley, Jr.', is written over the typed name.

Charles M. Culley, Jr.
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