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The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chairman  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Norman H. Conway, Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
House Office Building, Room 121  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Kasemeyer and Chairman Conway:

The April 2013 *Joint Chairmen's Report* (JCR), page 2, provides that the Judiciary – Administrative Office of the Courts may not expend \$1 million of its fiscal year 2014 general fund appropriation unless the Judiciary and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) have taken corrective action concerning an audit finding pertaining to the electronic exchange of data for the purpose of license suspensions. The Office of Legislative Audits is required to submit a report to the budget committees with a determination that the finding was corrected.

In accordance with the JCR requirement, we are reporting that the Judiciary and DHR have taken corrective action to resolve the finding. Specifically, on July 22, 2013, DHR's Child Support Enforcement Administration received a data file from the Judiciary containing the names of approximately 37,000 Maryland attorneys and their social security numbers. According to the Administration, this file is in a format that will allow it to identify attorneys, who have not satisfactorily addressed child support they owe, for possible license suspension. We reviewed the data file and concluded that the file appeared reasonably complete and contained the appropriate information.

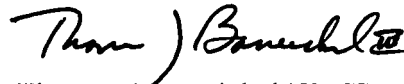
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We trust our response satisfactorily addresses the JCR requirement. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Barnickel III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Senator James C. Rosapepe, Co-Chair, Joint Audit Committee  
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