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The Honorable Mark Basnight
President Pro Tempore, North Carolina Senate
Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

The Honorable James B. Black
The Honorable Richard T. Morgan
Speakers, North Carolina House of Representatives
Co-Chairs, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

The Honorable William Culpepper Co-Chair, Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee of Governmental Operations

The Honorable Scott Thomas Co-Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety

The Honorable Joe Kiser
The Honorable R. Phillip Haire
Co-Chairs, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety

Re: Collection of Worthless Check Funds

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Sec. 13.2 of S.L. 2003-284 authorizes the Judicial Department to use any balance remaining in Budget Code #22005 (Worthless Check Fund) for purchase or repair of office or information technology equipment. This fund, generated by the \$60 fee charged to participants in the Worthless Check program, had a June 30, 2003 balance of \$19,519. The Judicial Branch intends to use these funds to repair and replace office equipment as needed in Judicial, Clerks, Magistrates and District Attorney offices. These items will include numbering machines, calculators, typewriters, check-signer machines, fax machines and copiers. Items will be replaced or repaired as they break or replacement parts become unavailable.

We respectfully submit this report to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide you with any additional information regarding the use of these funds.

Sincerely,

John M. Kennedy