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

The Honorable Joe Kiser  
Co-Chairs, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety  
Co-Chair, Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee of Governmental Operations

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 14.2 of S.L. 2004-124, the 2004 Appropriations Act, 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, 2004 balance of \$385,139.83. 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, and fax machines.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph A. Walker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judge Ralph A. Walker  
Director