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Re: Commission on the May 31, 2019, Virginia Beach Mass Shooting Support for SB-30

Dear Senator Petersen and Delegate Convirs-Fowler:

The Office of the State Inspector General sends you this letter below on behalf of and written by the Commission on the May 31, 2019, Virginia Beach Mass Shooting as OSIG serves as staff support to the Commission. Please contact Commission Chair Ryant Washington via OSIG at communications@osig.virginia.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Westfall".

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cc: Robert Mosier, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

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Dear Senator Petersen and Delegate Convirs-Fowler:

At its February 15, 2022, meeting, the Commission on the May 31, 2019, Virginia Beach Mass Shooting voted unanimously to support and recommend that the General Assembly adopt SB-30 that would create a \$10 million Mass Violence Care Fund that could cover some medical expenses for victims of the mass shooting.

The Commission noted the similarities between SB-30 and the VTVCare program that was created following the 2007 Virginia Tech tragedy. Establishing a fund to help relieve the financial burden of victims of mass shooting violence is a necessary and admirable way for the Commonwealth to help the victims of the May 31, 2019, tragedy in Virginia Beach and other mass shootings.

Please let me know, in addition to this letter, how the Commission might further support you in your efforts to pass this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ryant Washington
Commission Chair
February 17, 2022