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October 20, 2017

Dennis G. Witt
Chairman
1152 Golf Course Road
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County of Halifax

Dear Mr. Witt:

We have reviewed the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Sheriff of the locality indicated for the year ended June 30, 2017. Our primary objectives were to determine that the officials have maintained accountability over Commonwealth collections, established internal controls, and complied with state laws and regulations.

The results of our tests found the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Sheriff complied, in all material respects, with state laws, regulations and other procedures relating to the receipt, disbursement, and custody of state funds, except as follows.

The Treasurer did not comply with state laws and regulations as described below.

Perform Monthly Reconciliations

The Treasurer did not perform timely and adequate monthly reconciliations of the accounting records to the Commonwealth's accounting and financial reporting system reports. Timely and complete monthly reconciliations are a significant internal control and are essential for determining the reliability of information.

The Treasurer should reconcile assessments, collections, and uncollected balances to the Commonwealth's reports on a monthly basis as required by §58.1-3168 of the Code of Virginia and submit correction requests timely. Proper procedures will ensure complete and accurate recording of tax assessments and collections.

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We discussed this comment with the Treasurer on October 31, 2017, and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this review.

Sincerely,

Auditor of Public Accounts

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cc: James M. Halasz, County Administrator
Ruth Ann S. Oakes, Treasurer
Brenda Powell, Commissioner of the Revenue
Fred S. Clark, Sheriff