March 24, 2003

The Honorable Mark R. Warner Governor of Virginia State Capitol, Third Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor Warner:

During the 2002 Session, the General Assembly enacted nine pieces of legislation affecting the Commonwealth's capital outlay program. Among these pieces of legislation, seven chapters authorized the issuance of nearly \$1.7 billion in debt for the construction of 310 capital projects on Virginia's college and university campuses, in the state parks system, and for a variety of other state-owned cultural institutions and properties. In addition, these chapters called for the development and submission of a "capital implementation plan" by the Governor.

The attached capital implementation plan has been revised pursuant to your direction and in consultation with all affected state agencies and institutions of higher education, the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees and their staff, and the Office of the Secretary of Administration.

I recommend your approval of this plan. Upon approval, the plan will be distributed to the affected agencies and institutions so they can begin the construction of these important capital projects.

Sincerely,

John M. Bennett

Enclosure (s)

cc: Mr. Richard D. Brown, Director, Department of Planning and Budget