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**RE: Fredericksburg Area Bar Association Recommendation Concerning  
Anticipated Judicial Vacancies**

Dear Gentlemen:

The Fredericksburg Area Bar Association is an association of more than 175 attorneys who are admitted to practice before the circuit courts of the City of Fredericksburg and of the surrounding counties. When Senator Houck requested that the Association recommend to the General Assembly candidates to fill anticipated vacancies in the General District Court and in the Juvenile and Domestic Relation District Court, the judicial selection commission of the bar association, comprised of six attorneys and five non-lawyers, met to review the qualifications of applicants to fill the anticipated judicial vacancies. That commission reported to the bar association four qualified applicants for General District Court and seven qualified applicants for Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

On April 16, 2008 the bar association met and voted on the endorsed applicants by secret ballot. **The bar association voted to unanimously endorse V. James Ventura to fill an anticipated vacancy in the General District Court, and the Association voted to unanimously endorse Patricia Kelly to fill an anticipated vacancy in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert B. Goodall, President  
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