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Mr. Christopher Woolson  
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Dear Mr. Woolson:

Governor Warner has asked me to thank you for and respond to your letter regarding cigarette litter.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) undertakes numerous anti-littering initiatives at the local level. These include:

- Investigating various "hot spots" (problem areas) near fast food restaurants, along ramps, and major roads to determine where "Littering is Illegal" signs should be installed. Hot spots include areas next to interchanges and heavily traveled routes.
- Fabricating and erecting highway signs along "hot spots" that indicates, "Littering is Illegal" with posted maximum fines.
- Coordinating with local police authorities for regular patrols along these "hot spots."
- Discussing the littering issues with the State Police and local enforcement agencies and asking their assistance to increase police monitoring of the roads for people who litter.
- Promoting an increased awareness of the littering issue and support enforcement activities.
- Posting a "Do Not Litter" sign along the right of way with a warning that convicted violators are guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- Partnering with local Boards of Supervisors, County Administrations, Extension Offices, and the County Police to consider programs such as special local agreements between the state and the county to pursue vigorously the enforcement of litter-violators and the subsequent sharing of civil fees that are collected.
- Distributing litterbags and associated literature to students when they are awarded their driver's license (through the school system).
- Contacting commercial truckers that haul debris to landfills, to assure their loads are covered and litter is properly controlled.
- Including appropriate literature in County utility bills.
- Promoting countywide and region-wide litter pick-ups, which could be advertised in local newspapers and on local radio stations for groups to assist in clean-ups.

I hope this information is helpful. Again, thank you for writing Governor Warner.

Sincerely,

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