

December 24, 2013

Brian Moran
Secretary-designate
Office of the Secretary of Public Safety
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Secretary-designate Moran,

On behalf of Volunteers of America Chesapeake (VOAC), one of the largest health and human service providers across Virginia, I am writing to offer our warmest congratulations on your nomination as Secretary of Public Safety.

With 32 programs across Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, VOAC annually helps nearly 10,000 people in need, including the homeless; individuals with mental illness or intellectual disabilities; and those in need of affordable housing, recovering from substance abuse addiction or involved in community corrections. We particularly seek to assist military veterans and families grappling with homelessness, substance abuse or mental health challenges. Our 750-person staff works with more than 2,400 volunteers and coordinates our efforts with state agencies and local non-profits. Several of our programs, including for offender reentry, are recognized as national models.

The depth of experience during your distinguished career of service gives you an important perspective on the urgent challenges facing the Commonwealth. With the need so serious, we are gratified that you will be at the statewide helm.

We look forward to working together to help address these pressing needs. Please let us know if we can offer you any assistance as you prepare to assume your new responsibilities. Meanwhile, you have our very best wishes for the holidays.

Sincerely,



Franklyn Baker
Chief of Staff and External Affairs Officer

Cc: Russell K. Snyder, President/CEO