Dear Judges & Clerks,

As many of you may have heard, the eviction moratorium issued by the Centers for Disease Control has been extended through **January 31, 2021** as part of the Emergency Coronavirus Relief Act of 2020. A summary of the bill can be found <u>here</u>. A copy of the bill passed by Congress to extend the CDC moratorium through January 31, 2021, can be found <u>here</u>.

I understand that this bill also establishes an emergency federal rental assistance program to be distributed by state and local governments, for families impacted by COVID that are struggling to make the rent and may have past due rent compounding on itself. These families will be able to utilize this assistance for past due rent, future rent payments, as well as to pay utility and energy bills and prevent shutoffs.

As always please let us know if you have questions or we can provide anything further. I wish you all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Karl R. Hade Executive Secretary Supreme Court of Virginia 804-786-6455