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The Honorable Glenn Youngkin Governor 111 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Larry Hogan Governor 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Youngkin and Governor Hogan:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated May 11, 2022, urging the Department of Justice (Department) to protect United States Supreme Court Justices following the unauthorized release of a draft Court opinion. The Department is committed to taking all appropriate actions to enhance the security of Justices and the Court.

On May 18, 2022, the Attorney General convened Supreme Court and Department law enforcement officials to discuss the security needs of Justices. This meeting follows the Department's May 11, 2022, announcement that the Attorney General had directed the U.S. Marshal's Service to help ensure the Justices' safety by providing additional support to the Marshal of the Supreme Court and Supreme Court Police. The U.S. Marshals Service has been providing around-the-clock security at the homes of all Justices among other actions. The Department will continue its efforts to enhance coordination, intelligence sharing, and technical support as it relates to judicial security.

Your letter also suggests that some individuals may have violated federal criminal law. We appreciate having the benefit of your views on this matter. Longstanding policy and practice of the Department prevent us from discussing this information with you further or confirming or denying the initiation or existence of any investigation. Please do not interpret this acknowledgment as confirmation or denial of an investigation of any of the matters described in your letter.

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We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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