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The Solicitor's Office is in receipt of the Court's Order quashing the indictments of the June 2018 Grand Jury in York County. As we argued on August 10th, we believe that the indictments were lawfully issued. Our office is currently reviewing the order and relevant law. Additionally, we are consulting with the Office of the Attorney General concerning the meaning and implications of the order as well as how to proceed.

In the meantime, we believe it is prudent to clarify to the public some facts regarding the administration of grand jury proceedings. While the Solicitor's Office prepares indictments for presentment to the grand jury and requests the presence of law enforcement representatives, the Solicitor's Office does not preside over or control the grand jury. This Grand Jury understood that it was not required to reach all submitted indictments on that day and had the option to put off consideration of indictments to the next month. As five o'clock approached they were again reminded of the ability to quit for the day and continue indictments to the next term but, to their credit, the grand jurors chose to continue their work until all submitted indictments had received consideration. The Solicitor's Office has never dictated how the Grand Jury should conduct its business. We believe that this Grand Jury worked very hard, considered these cases fairly, and was capable of controlling its own workload and pace that day.

After we have reviewed the law surrounding this issue we will file any motions or appeal we deem prudent under the law. Until such time we will have no further comment on this matter.

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