

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 14, 2017

The Honorable Derrick Leon Davis Chairman Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Davis:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a bill required pursuant to State law setting the FY 2019 homestead tax credit percentage for the lesser of the inflation based upon the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) or 5% of the prior year's taxable assessment.

The CPI-U for June 2017 increased by 2%, rounded to the nearest whole number, compared to June 2016. The County Charter provides that the homestead property tax credit percentage should be set not to exceed 100% plus the percentage of the increase in the CPI-U for the previous twelve months, rounded to the nearest whole number, but not more than 105%. Therefore, the homestead tax credit shall be set at 102% for FY 2019.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is requested. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Stanley A. Earley, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget at (301) 952-3218.

Sincerely,

Rushern L. Baker, II

County Executive

Enclosures