

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of the County Executive

September 4, 2024

The Honorable Jolene Ivey Chair Prince George's County Council Wayne K. Curry County Administration Building 1301 McCormick Drive Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Ivey:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Bill to amend the County Code to increase the general penalty found in County Code Section 1-123. The 2024 General Assembly passed HB501 this past session. The legislation authorizes charter counties to increase penalties from a maximum of \$1000 to a maximum of \$5000. Increases the Code provision, as authorized by the General Assembly, will be a useful tool in enhancing enforcement.

HB501 is effective October 1, 2024. If passed during the Fall 2024 Council session, the enabling statute would take effect prior to the County legislation's anticipated effective date.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sakinda L. Skinner, Council Liaison, at (301) 780-2953.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Alsobrooks County Executive

Enclosure