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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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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 repeal the requirement that the proceeds of the sales and use tax on telecommunications service in the County must be applied on top of the funding level required by the State under the Blueprint for Maryland's Future initiative. This requirement also appears in State law, under Section 20-605 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, however the County has also proposed the repeal of this provision. The original requirement to apply telecommunications tax revenue above the formula was enacted when State "Maintenance of Effort" provisions only required the County to fund at least the same level of funding as the prior year. when the only State requirement was that County contributions to the Board of Education equal at least the amount of funding provided in the prior year. However, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future substantially increases the level of County contributions each year through FY 2033. The new funding requirements make it difficult for the County to maintain funding levels for the rest of County government.

Since County funding to the Board of Education has grown substantially since the enactment of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, the provision of law to add the proceeds of the telecommunications tax is an onerous mandate.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures