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The Hon. Jim Rosapepe, Chair
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314 James Senate Office Building
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The Hon. Jay Walker, Chair
Prince George's County House Delegation
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Re: Blue Ribbon Commission Final Report

Dear Senator Rosapepe and Delegate Walker:

It is with great pleasure that I transmit to you a copy of the final ²⁰¹⁶ report of the *Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing Prince George's County's Structural Deficit* ("The Commission").

The Commission is comprised of a true cross-section of residents from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise. Over 18 months, the Commission met 27 times to take a deep dive into our government's operations and fiscal dynamics. The final report outlines three primary recommendations and several secondary findings.

With regard to the recommendations and the repeal of Tax Reform Initiative by Marylanders ("TRIM"), Prince George's County is one of only four jurisdictions in the state that has such a cap. As to Question I, Prince George's County is the only jurisdiction with such a limitation on generating additional revenue. Finally, with regard to maximizing use of the Homestead Tax Credit, this measure would enable the County to garner more resources and provide greater financial flexibility.

In light of these recommendations, we look forward to addressing them with you on a united front. Mr. Earl Adams, Jr., Esq., chair of the Commission, and I welcome the opportunity to present this report to both Delegations and discuss how we can move forward together. Your comments are greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Derrick L. Davis
Chairman

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