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Re: 2026 Prince George's County General Assembly Legislative Priorities

Dear Senator Watson and Delegate Williams:

As we begin the 448th Session of the Maryland General Assembly, we are honored to continue our partnership with the Prince George's County Delegation. This session comes at a time of fiscal challenge, yet it also presents an opportunity for county and state governments. Together, we can make bold, strategic choices that strengthen Prince George's County, advance shared priorities, and build a more unified, prosperous, and resilient future for every resident. We remain committed to elevating Prince George's County through the principles that guide our administration's vision and daily work. These include unifying government, promoting bold economic development, enhancing beautification, and improving quality of life through expanded healthcare, public safety, and affordable housing.

To advance our collective goals, the County respectfully requests State support for the following priority initiatives:

BEAUTIFICATION

Strike Force 311 Expansion – \$8M

Rationale: Strike Force 311 was launched to address the backlog of 27,500 nuisance abatement complaints by coordinating county agencies and contractors. Operating seven days a week, Strike Force 311 adeptly completed 8,458 service requests within the first 45 days of its creation. Working hand in hand with our county agencies and by partnering with local, county-based small contractors, Strike Force was able to complete over 49% of outstanding requests within the first 100 days of the administration, helping to restore public confidence in government. We seek funding to expand the Strike Force 311 program and address shared beautification and compliance priorities, and to maintain litter removal, grass cutting and other maintenance programs on state roads.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Morgan Boulevard Station/Blue Line Corridor – \$17M

Rationale: Morgan Boulevard is one of Prince George's County's most transit-accessible locations, situated directly on the Blue Line and adjacent to the Beltway. There is strong regional demand for housing investment that is both affordable and well-connected to transit. Prince George's County seeks to align its capital request with the Governor's priorities for affordable housing. Investment in the Blue Line Corridor will establish a foundation for future infrastructure that enables seamless integration across transit, pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular networks. Our vision is to elevate and advance equitable and sustainable transportation options for Prince George's County Residents.

Morgan Boulevard Education & Sports Innovation Hub – \$120M

Rationale: With the departure of the Washington Commanders from Prince George's County, this site presents an opportunity to establish a state-of-the-art facility that will serve as a dynamic anchor for the Blue Line Corridor—bringing together education, athletics, and economic development. We envision premier sports, wellness, and training facilities developed in collaboration with leading organizations such as Nike, the Washington Commanders, and the Washington Spirit. These partnerships will cultivate a hub for athletic excellence, sports medicine, and youth development—creating pathways for local talent to train, compete, and thrive right here at home. In addition to the Sports Innovation Hub, *\$20 million* is requested to support the **Maryland Film Office**. These funds will support the operating budget, which oversees the film studio and soundstage located within the Arts and Entertainment District along the Blue Line Corridor in Fairmont Heights, MD. This investment will strengthen Maryland's arts and entertainment sector, enhance the state's ability to attract and retain creative talent, and generate new job opportunities.

Suitland Mixed Use Town Center – \$25M

Rationale: In alignment with the Governor's affordable housing priorities, Prince George's County is seeking funding to deliver diverse, affordable, and mixed-income housing at the Suitland Town Center site, complemented by strategic service-oriented retail development. This dual-parcel project will promote smart density and provide the community with essential, service-focused retail options. The requested funding will support infrastructure improvements, environmental site remediation, site preparation, parking garage construction, and the development of subsidized housing, including apartments, duplexes, and townhomes.

Suitland Road Widening MD-218 - \$6M

Rationale: MD-218 serves as a critical east-west corridor connecting residential, commercial and employment centers in Prince George's County. Currently, MD-218 experiences frequent congestion during peak travel periods, and widening the road will provide much needed access for multi-modal access in and out of the Towne Square at Suitland Federal Center development. Preliminary assessments suggest the project will expand the two-lane configuration to a four-lane divided roadway, with upgraded intersections, stormwater management systems and multimodal accommodations

35 Ventures/Durant Family Redevelopment - \$10M

Rationale: This redevelopment project will transform approximately 12 acres of vacant land and underutilized retail into a dynamic, mixed-use community centered around education, athletics, entrepreneurship, and family wellbeing. Anchored by the Durant Center, the project advances equitable growth and sustainable community development in Prince George's County. These funds will be used for environmental remediation, demolition, and public infrastructure.

Bowie State Univ. MARC Station Redevelopment – \$50M

Rationale: The 93-acre project site will create a transit-oriented destination serving as a gateway to higher education, innovation, housing, and economic opportunity. Upon completion, the site will support a multi-phase, mixed-use development featuring student and private residential housing, multifamily units, commercial space, retail, office space, and open areas. Funding will support infrastructure, utility, and site readiness work, as well as environmental feasibility studies, site remediation, and the assemblage of adjacent privately owned parcels to facilitate connectivity between Campus Village and the MARC station, and the BSU campus.

Route 202 Redevelopment Corridor Feasibility Study – \$100,000

Rationale: Prince George's County is requesting state support for a feasibility study of the MD-202 Redevelopment Corridor to unlock its potential as a vibrant, transit-connected hub for housing, retail, and economic growth. The study will evaluate opportunities for affordable and mixed-income housing, service-based retail, environmental remediation, and infrastructure upgrades while promoting sustainable transportation along one of the county's most strategic corridors.

Fort Washington Marina Revitalization – \$15M

Rationale: The Marina and surrounding waterfront area require critical infrastructure upgrades, including improvements to enhance access, safety, and support increased tourism and small business activity. Dredging of Piscataway Creek, paired with improved road connectivity, will strengthen the region's economic potential and recreational appeal. Prince George's County seeks a partnership with the state to address deferred maintenance, modernize infrastructure, and ensure safe, sustainable access for boaters, visitors, and residents alike.

HOUSING STABILITY & ACCESS

Right of First Refusal Preservation Fund – \$20M

Rationale: Prince George's County is requesting \$20 million as matching funds to the previous State and County contribution in the Right of First Refusal Preservation Fund to facilitate housing preservation and protect rental households at risk of displacement from their homes.

Workforce Homeownership Assistance – \$10M

Rationale: Supporting Prince George's County's workforce is critical to providing workforce homebuying assistance for teachers, public safety, and emergency medical workers, in addition to targeting specific geographical areas with low homeownership (i.e., inside the Capital Beltway).

Housing Investment Trust Fund – \$15M

Rationale: At a time when federal workforce reductions are impacting families in our county and Prince George's County is facing a foreclosure crisis, increased investment in low- to moderate-income communities is more critical than ever. Targeted support will help stabilize neighborhoods,

preserve housing, and promote economic resilience for those most vulnerable to displacement and financial hardship.

Services for Unhoused Residents – \$15M

Rationale: A \$15 million investment is urgently needed to elevate services for unhoused residents, following years of underfunding that have left critical support systems strained. To effectively serve this vulnerable population, funding must prioritize facility upgrades, expanded behavioral health services, comprehensive case management, and strengthened food security—ensuring a more stable, dignified, and coordinated response to homelessness across our communities.

Housing Voucher Expansion – \$5M

Rationale: This investment will benefit communities across Prince George's County that are currently on the waiting list for a housing voucher. In conjunction with our federal partners, this money will support the County's Housing Authority's efforts to provide housing to lower-income communities, preserve housing affordability, address homelessness, and fulfill the goals outlined in the Governor's executive order on increasing affordable housing access.

Childcare Services – \$5M

Rationale: This investment will fund a locally passed childcare program (Local Business Childcare Grant Program) that aims to ensure kids receive transportation and food. The program will provide grant funding to local businesses that assist employees with financial contributions to childcare costs.

HEALTHCARE

Child Resource Connect – \$250,000

Rationale: To support staffing for in-home visits for patients with newborns and provide resources and staffing for adult education classes.

Autism Waiver Program – \$5M

Rationale: There is currently a two-year waiting list for parents/guardians to have their child evaluated before they can receive services for autism. This investment will support parents and guardians in reducing the wait time for neuropsychological evaluations required for children to receive an official diagnosis and gain access to autism programs.

Behavioral Health Services – \$50M

Rationale: Prince George's County seeks infrastructure funds from the State to address critical gaps in the Behavioral Health Crisis Continuum of Care, including child/adolescent psychiatric beds, residential treatment beds for children/adolescents, residential treatment beds for adults, and crisis stabilization facilities for children and adults. The greatest area of need is providing behavioral health services to children and youth, as there are currently ZERO pediatric psychiatric beds and ZERO residential treatment beds for young people experiencing a behavioral health crisis in Prince George's County. There are only ten residential treatment beds for adults experiencing a psychiatric crisis in the County. We are requesting more funding to address the 11,000 ED visits attributed to mental illness in our jurisdiction in 2022.

Primary Care Access – \$20M

Rationale: Prince George's County seeks State support to address the deficit of primary care physicians in our jurisdiction. A 2023 study estimated a deficit of 1,050 physicians across all service lines to adequately serve the county's population, with half of the deficit comprising primary care physicians. This physician deficit creates numerous challenges for our residents, including the ability to access care when needed, establish a usual source of care, and experience optimal health outcomes. To address the primary care physician gap, the county requests additional funding to attract and retain physicians

CCI Health Services – \$5M

Rationale: To address the growing shortage of primary care physicians in Prince George's County, the County is requesting \$5 million in funding to support CCI Health Services in establishing and sustaining medical residencies for five primary care physicians. This investment will help build a pipeline of community-based providers who are more likely to remain and practice in underserved areas. By expanding access to high-quality, preventive care, this initiative will improve health outcomes, reduce long-term healthcare costs, and strengthen the local healthcare workforce.

Capital Regional Health – Sickle Cell Clinic – \$750,000

Rationale: Capitol Regional Health is requesting additional funding to address the acute healthcare access and service delivery challenges facing Prince George's County. This funding will support critical operational needs, including the recruitment and retention of qualified medical staff, provision of nutritious meals for patients, and reliable transportation services to ensure residents—particularly those in underserved areas—can access timely care. These investments are crucial for enhancing patient outcomes, reducing health disparities, and bolstering the county's healthcare system's overall capacity.

Luminis Health Community Medical Center – Women's Health Pavilion – \$50M

Rationale: Prince George's County is requesting \$50 million to continue construction of the Women's Health Pavilion at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center. This investment will support the development of a cutting-edge facility dedicated to comprehensive women's health services. The Pavilion will serve as a regional anchor for equitable, high-quality care, addressing the longstanding maternity funding gaps left by the previous Governor's administration.

MedStar Southern Maryland ICU Tower - \$35M

Rationale: Prince George's County is requesting \$35 million to complete a three-story Advanced Critical Care Tower. Once completed, this tower will establish a state-of-the-art 32 bed critical care/intermediate care unit, while also building infrastructure to develop future surgical beds. With 42% of Prince George's County residents still seeking care outside of the county, and an increase in demand for acute services as the over 65-year-old population is slated to grow by almost 20% in the next 5 years, this tower will help improve access to quality healthcare for Prince George's County and Southern Maryland.

PUBLIC SAFETY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Public Safety Improvements – \$39.5M

Rationale: We've emphasized our focus on public safety with the goal of strengthening relations between county and municipal police to enhance crime fighting and improve relations with the communities that depend on them. To date, homicides are down 34% and carjackings are down by 56%. To continue to protect and serve our residents, we request the following for public safety improvements:

- Police Department - \$15M to modernize technology and integrate AI-enabled safety platforms.
- Homeland Security & Emergency Management - \$8M to replace end-of-life components in the Public Safety Radio Network.
- Fire/EMS Department - \$2.5M for 326 sets of NFPA-compliant protective gear.
- Office of the Sheriff - \$2.5M for wellness programs, drone technology, and file digitization.
- Department of Corrections - \$4.0M for facility upgrades, communication systems, safety equipment and wellness programs.
- Metro Transit Police – Purple Line – 75 fully funded positions for the Purple Line Metro stops in Prince George's County
- Additionally, we are requesting \$15M to assist with planning and construction of a new County Correctional Facility. The current facility is over 40 years old and has systems that are at or past their useful life.

Bridge Infrastructure Improvements/Racetrack Rd. Improvement – \$38M

Rationale: Urgent investment in our core infrastructure is important to the safety and economy of our County:

- Lottsford Rd., Bridge (P-0283) - \$2M – To prevent full superstructure replacement.
- Beaver Dam Rd. Bridge (P-1163) - \$2M – To address load restrictions affecting freight.
- Alcona St. Bridge (P-0295) - \$2M – To repair advanced deterioration.
- Bridge Preservation Program (Phase 1) - \$2M – To rehabilitate four bridges with major deterioration.
- Racetrack Rd. Improvement - \$30M

Bladensburg Flood Reduction Project – \$10.4M

Rationale: This critical project will upgrade Edmonston Channel, install stormwater best management practices, and improve bridges to mitigate flooding, protect property, and enhance water quality. Implementation of this project will safeguard the Bladensburg community from flooding roadway corridors.

Stormwater Management – \$50M

Rationale: The County's stormwater management system is extensive, consisting of more than 100,000 drainage structures and over 750 miles of storm drains. It also includes 900 stormwater management (SWM) facilities, a number that is projected to exceed 1,200 in the near future. Each

year, an estimated 50 to 75 facilities experience structural or functional failures, requiring repair or rehabilitation. Adding to these internal maintenance demands is the significant volume of uncontrolled stormwater runoff and sediment flowing into the County from adjacent jurisdictions. Furthermore, the County is responsible for maintaining levees, pumping stations, and 12 high-hazard dams—a number that continues to grow.

Conclusion

These priorities reflect our collective commitment to elevating Prince George's County and ensuring that every resident benefits from our shared progress. We deeply appreciate the continued partnership and steadfast advocacy of the Prince George's County Delegation on behalf of our communities.

As we confront fiscal challenges and set priorities for the year ahead, we recognize the difficult choices before the General Assembly. Yet, with your leadership and collaboration, we are confident we can continue to make strategic investments that strengthen public safety, expand access to affordable housing, enhance behavioral and mental health services, and modernize the infrastructure that connects and sustains our neighborhoods.

Together, these efforts will build a stronger, safer, and more vibrant Prince George's County—one that reflects the shared vision and values of those we proudly serve. We look forward to collaborating with you throughout this session to turn these goals into action and deliver tangible results for our residents.

Sincerely,

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