

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 8, 2022

The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II Chairman Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Hawkins:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Bill to amend the County's Code of Ethics to add changes mandated by the General Assembly in 2021. Some of these changes include, but are not limited to:

- Adding a definition for quasi-governmental agency
- Prohibiting the receipt of gifts from an association or entity engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations
- Prohibiting retaliation against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation relating to a possible ethics violation
- Mandating that the Board of Ethics shall not allow inspection of certain information
- Disclosure of information regarding contractual relationships with the University of Maryland Medical System, state or local governments, or a quasi-governmental entity

Finally, and as was stated in the transmittal letter when the police reform bills were transmitted earlier this year, the members of the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committees are being added as persons required to submit Financial Disclosure Statements.

As is required by State law, these proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the State Ethics Commission in June 2022. Attached is a copy of that approval. The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is respectfully requested. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Rhonda L. Weaver, at (301) 952-5225.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Alsobrooks County Executive

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Enclosures