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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 11, 2015

The Honorable Mel R. Franklin
Chairman
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Franklin:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a bill required pursuant to State law setting the FY 2017 homestead tax credit percentage for the lesser of the inflation based upon the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) or 5% of the prior year's taxable assessment.

The CPI-U was recently released by the United States Department of Labor. The CPI-U for June 2015 increased by 0%, rounded to the nearest whole number, compared to June 2014. The County Charter provides that the homestead property tax credit percentage should be set not to exceed 100% plus the percentage of the increase in the CPI-U for the previous twelve months, rounded to the nearest whole number, but not more than 105%. Therefore, the homestead tax credit shall be set at 100% for FY 2017.

The Council's favorable and expeditious consideration of this legislation is requested. Should you have any questions, please contact me or Terri K. Bacote-Charles, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, at (301) 952-3218.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rushern L. Baker, III".

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Enclosures