

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 19, 2016

The Honorable Derrick Leon Davis Chairman Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Davis:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Bill for the purpose of amending Subtitle 20 of the County Code pertaining to taxicab vehicle and driver standards, and license and certificate fees.

This Bill establishes two vehicle standard levels that will modernize all taxicabs by: reducing the vehicle age and mileage caps; tightening the standards for appropriate driver conduct; establishing acceptable methods of payments in all Prince George's County taxicabs by July 1, 2017; and increasing fees for taxicab licenses and for transfers of certificates.

Furthermore, this Bill includes several provisions designed to bring greater protections and increased cost certainty to taxi drivers; thus, helping taxicabs to better compete in a rapidly changing industry. Consequently, these measures will improve the quality of taxicab service for our citizens and visitors to Prince George's County.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office or Darrell B. Mobley, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation, at (301) 883-5600.

Sincerely,

Rushern L. Baker, II

County Executive

**Enclosures**