

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES  
AGENCY RESPONSE TO  
DLS RECOMMENDATIONS  
FISCAL YEAR 2013 OPERATING BUDGET HEARINGS**

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
SUB-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
February 22, 2012**

**SENATE BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE  
SUB-COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
February 24, 2012**

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee today as you review the proposed budget for the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD). We would like to thank our assigned DLS analyst, Mr. Richard Harris, for his thorough analysis and are pleased that he has concluded that we have proposed a responsible spending plan for the coming year.

We would also like to call your attention to the enclosed MDOD 2011 Annual Report titled *Moving Forward*. The 24 page report chronicles Maryland's progress in each of the MDOD policy domains and program areas. During the past year, we have faced a number of economic challenges in Maryland. But these challenges have made us stronger and more committed to ensuring that Marylanders with disabilities have the resources and opportunities they need to meet their personal and professional goals.

**Recommended Actions**

**1. Concur with the Governor's Allowance.**

We respectfully support this recommended action.