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The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Chair, House Subcommittee on Capital Budget
Room 312, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services –
Capital Budget Response

Dear Chair Jones:

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has attached the response on the Analyst's questions concerning the Department's Capital Budget projects.

I would like to extend my gratitude to you and the Subcommittee for your ongoing interest and continued support for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

I would be happy to provide additional information and assistance should you have any questions with respect to this project.

Sincerely,

Stephen T. Moyer
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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
FY 2016 CAPITAL**

Issue: DPSCS should comment on the status of bids for the YDC and any estimated changes to the project cost.

Response: On March 12, 2015 the Department received three bids for the project. Only one of these three bids was consistent with the recommended request and fell within the budgeted amount; the other two were both above the request. The Department is in the process of thoroughly reviewing the Bid Documents. Provided an award is successfully made to the bid that fell within the recommended request, the funds the Department has budgeted for the request should be sufficient to support the project as planned.

Issue: DPSCS should comment on whether the closure of BPRU and the likely closure of a minimum security facility in order to shift resources to operate DRCF Phase II will result in a need to utilize nonconventional bed space at the minimum or pre-release security levels.

Response: The Department may explore closing another facility if the opening of Dorsey Run Correctional Facility (DRCF) necessitates a shift in resources. Regardless, the Department does not plan on utilizing nonconventional bed space. It is important to note that, facilities deemed “minimum security,” may house pre-release inmates. Given the space and classification of DRCF, the Department believed DRCF will have ample bed space to house the pre-release population.

Recommended Bond Actions

1. Housing Unit Windows and Steam Heating System – Approve funding to replace the housing unit windows and heating systems.

Response: The Department concurs with the recommendation.

2. Hot Water and Steam Systems Improvements – Reduce fiscal 2016 general obligation bond funding for improvements to the high temperature hot water system by \$2 million.

Response: The Department strongly disagrees with this recommendation. This is a Design-Build project; if an innovative contractor is awarded the work, the design and construction could be expedited. Specifically, the contractor could phase work on the two compounds within Eastern Correctional Institution to accelerate the

schedule. Accelerating the schedule and expediting the repairs would be advantageous to the daily operation of the institution, but it may require funding this project in one fiscal year.

On March 13, 2015 Eastern Correctional Institution experienced another major valve failure, which resulted in a leak in the hot water. Emergency repairs are underway; however, the Department would like to reiterate its concern for future system failures that could jeopardize institutional safety. The Department would like to move forward by procuring a Design-Build contractor, who offers an expedited schedule, in order to fix the system at the most reasonable cost. Therefore, the Department respectfully disagrees with the recommendation of reducing the FY 16 authorization by \$2 million and pre-authorizing the same amount for FY17, as the Department would like to move forward in an expedited fashion to utilize the funds for the project in FY16.

3. 560-bed Minimum Security Compound – Approve funding to construct and equip Phase II.

Response: The Department concurs with the recommendation.

4. New Youth Detention Center – Approve funding to construct a 60-bed detention facility for youth with adult charges.

Response: The Department concurs with the recommendation.

5. Section 2 – Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Vocational Education Building – Approve the de-authorization of funds to equip the Vocational Education Building at the Western Correctional Institution.

Response: The Department concurs with the recommendation.

6. Section 12 – Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Hot Water and Steam System Improvements – Pre-authorize \$2 million in fiscal 2017 general obligation bond funding for improvements to the high temperature hot water system. \$2,000,000 GO

Response: The Department opposes the recommendation in accordance with the Department's response under Recommended Action 2.

7. Section 12 – Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – New Youth Detention Center – Approve the pre-authorization of fiscal 2017 funding for the New Youth Detention Center.

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