

**FY 2016 BUDGET TESTIMONY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair
February 17, 2015

Public Safety and Administration Sub-Committee
House Appropriations Committee
Delegate Keith E. Haynes, Chair
February 18, 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your Committee as you review the proposed budget for the Office of the Governor.

I would like to thank our assigned analyst, Mr. Jolshua Rosado, for his thorough analysis. I am pleased that he has concluded that the Governor has put forth a responsible spending plan for fiscal year 2016.

The Governor believes that it is important that the spending plan for the Office of the Governor reflect the same fiscal restraint that he is asking all other agencies to implement. In that light, I am pleased to reiterate that the Governor's Office fiscal year 2016 spending plan is 3.5% less than the fiscal year 2015 budget.

Recommended Actions

Concur with the Governor's allowance.

We respectfully support this recommended action.