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Delegate Keith Haynes, Chairman Subcommittee, Public Safety & Administration House Committee on Appropriations 121 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

ATTN: Ms. Cherie Warehime

Dear Chairman Haynes:

JOHN T. HEARN

This agency concurs with the DLS recommendation regarding the operating budget and the provision of "MTC Information Technology Upgrade Plan" by December 1, 2017.

As to the latter, in accordance with the analyst's request, the following represents the current schedule for the replacement and upgrade to MTC's database software:

**FY17** - A Memorandum of Understanding is to be prepared between the Maryland Department of Planning and MTC detailing the work to be performed and the costs necessary with a goal of fulfillment by the end of FY18 assuming funds are available.

**FY17** - Initial planning and database migration to compatible software begins. Total cost breakdown for new application and project completion is presented. \$4,400 has been appropriated in FY17 for this purpose. Current hardware has been deemed adequate to handle updated application for the next 5-7 years.

**FY18** – Analysis of current system's assets/liabilities; application testing and determination; transfer of data; and final web-based application implementation.

The Court will continue in its efforts to meet the goals as stated in the annual MFR submission. We welcome the opportunity to address the Subcommittee and will be happy to answer any questions the members may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Walter C. Martz, II

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