

**FY 2018 BUDGET TESTIMONY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SAM MALHOTRA, CHIEF OF STAFF**

Public Safety and Administration Sub-Committee
House Appropriations Committee
Delegate Keith E. Haynes, Chair
Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez, Vice Chair
February 2, 2017

Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair
Senator Richard S. Madaleno, Jr., Vice Chair
February 7, 2017

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. Benjamin Wilhelm, for his thorough analysis. I am pleased that he has concluded that the Governor has put forth a responsible spending plan for fiscal year 2018.

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.

Recommended Actions

Concur with the Governor's allowance.

We respectfully support this recommended action.