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Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am Mike Leahy, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Information Technology. I am joined by Melissa Leaman, Chief Financial Officer and Norman Farley, Chief of Public Safety Communications. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide this testimony to the general assembly. I would also like to thank Patrick Frank, our DLS analyst, for all his hard work. The Department of Information Technology has one Capital project on which we are currently working and that is the Maryland FiRST 700 MHz Public Safety Communications System. This is a statewide, interoperable radio system for First Responders that I am happy to report the build-out is progressing and the system's performance has been outstanding. To date, four of the five phases have been completed, with Phase 4 (Western Maryland) just recently completed in December 2018. Phase 5, which includes the National Capitol Region and Southern Maryland counties is in progress and should be operational by the end of CY 2020. Maryland FiRST has been successful in providing interoperable, mission critical voice communications and is being widely adopted by the public safety community. Currently, the system has over 16,000 primary users and over 40,000 interoperable users from 67 different State agencies, counties, Federal and neighboring state jurisdictions.

Our FY 2020 Capital budget request is for \$30,840,000. This funding will allow us to complete Phase 5 of the project and to initiate required follow-up work, primarily the T1 to Ethernet conversion which I briefed the Committee on during my testimony last year. In addition, we are requesting advance approval for \$8,000,000 in general obligation bonds for FY 2021 to complete the T1 to Ethernet conversion.

We thank the Committee for its consideration and ask that our FY 2020 Capital Budget request be approved. My staff and I stand ready to answer your questions.

Thank you.