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**Senate Budget & Taxation Committee**  
**Public Safety, Transportation & Environment Subcommittee**  
**Senator Sarah Elfreth, Chair**  
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**House Appropriations Committee**  
**Transportation & Environment Subcommittee**  
**Delegate Marc Korman, Chair**  
**February 27, 2023**

The Department of Legislative Services concurs with the Governor's allowance. The Office of People's Counsel ("OPC") appreciates the careful review by Samuel Quist, DLS budget analyst, and agrees with the DLS recommendation.

**Additional Comments**

The DLS analysis notes that Chapter 607 of 2021 expanded OPC's statutory responsibilities. OPC received a budget amendment for fiscal year 2023 to reflect its new statutory responsibilities and its overall increasing workload and that increase is also reflected in the Governor's allowance for fiscal year 2024.

The additional funds for fiscal year 2023 have enabled OPC to increase the scope of its work consistent with its new statutory considerations, to hire three additional attorneys, and to retain additional technical litigation support.