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**Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget Testimony
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis**

**Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation & Environment Subcommittee
Senator Sarah Elfreth, Chair
February 9, 2024**

**House Appropriations Committee
Transportation & Environment Subcommittee
Delegate Courtney Watson, Chair
February 12, 2024**

The Department of Legislative Services (“DLS”) concurs with the Governor’s allowance. The Office of People’s Counsel (“OPC”) appreciates the careful review by Samuel Quist, and respectfully agrees with the DLS recommendation.

Additional Comments

The DLS analysis provides a summary of findings from OPC’s Joint Chairmen’s Report (“JCR”) report on agency staffing levels, which was submitted to the budget committees on December 1, 2023. The deadline for the report was after OPC submitted its FY 2025 budget request to the Department of Budget and Management (“DBM”). OPC intends to work with DBM on the findings from the report.