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**FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET TESTIMONY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT- BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OFFICES**

Senate Health and Human Services Subcommittee
Senator Cory McCray, Chair
February 6, 2026

House Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee
Delegate Gabriel Acevero, Chair
Delegate Julian Ivey, Vice Chair
February 12, 2026

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your Subcommittee as you review the proposed budget and written testimony on behalf of the Boards, Commissions and Offices (BCO). The Boards, Commissions and Offices are comprised of various budgetary units, and they are:

Lawrence E. Walker, Sr., Executive Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI)

Jennifer Allgair, Executive Director, Maryland State Ethics Commission

Harry L. Chase, Executive Director, Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

David Soulé, Executive Director, Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy

Lafe Solomon, Chair, Public Employee Relations Board

Sonia Cho, Chairwoman, Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals

We would like to thank our assigned analyst, Ms. Nathaly Andrade for her hard work, and her thorough analysis.

Please accept our official comments below to the analyst observations and recommendations as noted in the analysis document.

Operating Budget Recommended Actions

1. Concur with Governor's Allowance.

The Boards, Commissions and Offices respectfully agree with the DLS recommendation to concur with the Governor's Allowance.