

THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY Annapolis, Maryland 21401

GOVERNOR'S SALARY COMMISSION

January 17, 2018

The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

Governor of Maryland

President of the Senate

The Honorable Boyd K. Rutherford Lieutenant Governor of Maryland

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House of Delegates

Gentlemen:

The Governor's Salary Commission has completed its eleventh quadrennial study as directed by the Maryland State Constitution. The unanimous decision of the commission is a recommendation that the salaries for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor for the term beginning January 2019 remain unchanged from the current levels.

In reaching its decision, the commission notes that over the past four years, inflation has been lower than the estimates used by the previous commission in developing the recommended salary increases for the current term. The commission also noted that the salaries of both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor rank in the top quartile of Governor and Lieutenant Governor salaries nationally.

Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution states that if the commission recommends no salary change, a joint resolution shall not be introduced. The commission will produce a report detailing its deliberations and findings to serve as a public record of its activities and to assist future commissions.

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The members of the Governor's Salary Commission enjoyed this opportunity to serve the citizens of Maryland and would be pleased to meet with you and the members of the General Assembly to discuss the commission's work and proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

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Respectfully submitted,

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