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January 8, 2019

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear President Miller:

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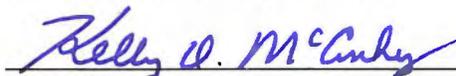
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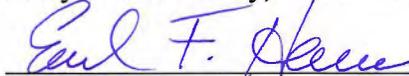
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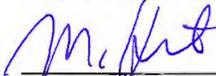
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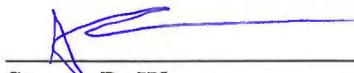
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The Honorable Jack Bailey  
2W Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Bailey:

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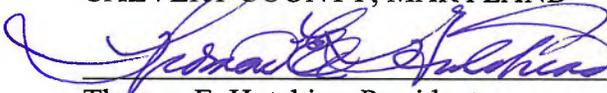
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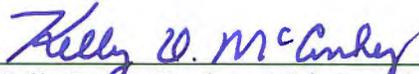
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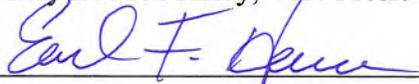
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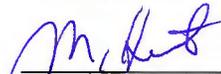
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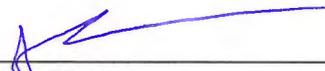
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The Honorable Jerry Clark  
Maryland House of Delegates  
303 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Clark:

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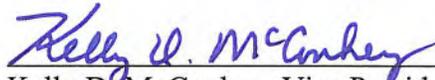
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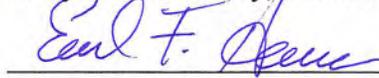
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The Honorable Mark N. Fisher  
Maryland House of Delegates  
202 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Fisher:

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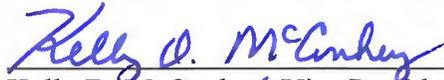
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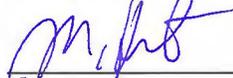
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Maryland House of Delegates  
204 House Office Building  
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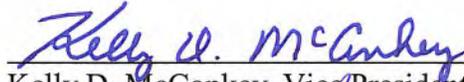
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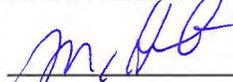
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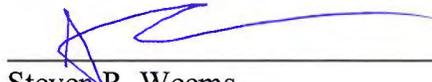
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