

March 24, 2021

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On March 24, 2021, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 1

Chapter 41

The Speaker

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FUNDING**

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EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

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Senator Sydnor, et al

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Sincerely,

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