To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates have overridden the gubernatorial vetoes of the following bills:

**SB 741**

**Chapter 29**

**Senator Rosapepe, et al**

COVID–19 TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND VACCINATION ACT OF 2021

Requiring, on or before June 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with local health departments of the State and the Maryland State Department of Education, to adopt and implement a 2–year plan to respond to the outbreak of COVID–19; requiring the plan to address the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on underserved and minority communities in the State; establishing the Maryland Public Health Modernization Workgroup to assess the current public health infrastructure and resources in the State; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**SB 202**

**Chapter 30**

**Senator Kelley, et al**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Altering, from 15 years to 20 years, the time period that certain inmates sentenced to life imprisonment for a crime committed on or after October 1, 2021, must serve before becoming eligible for parole consideration; repealing certain provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor’s approval, subject to certain provisions; requiring a Maryland Parole Commission panel to determine by a vote of six of the members whether a certain inmate is suitable for parole; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021**
To the Members of the General Assembly
December 8, 2021

Page 2

HB 836
Chapter 31

Delegate Pena–Melnyk
COVID–19 TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND VACCINATION ACT OF 2021

Requiring, on or before June 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with local health departments of the State and the Maryland State Department of Education, to adopt and implement a 2–year plan to respond to the outbreak of COVID–19; requiring the plan to address the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on underserved and minority communities in the State; establishing the Maryland Public Health Modernization Workgroup to assess the current public health infrastructure and resources in the State; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director