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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
241 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Response to Budget Question on HB122**  
**(Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services)**

Dear Chairman Pendergrass, Vice-Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk and Committee Members:

I write to follow up with the additional information requested regarding how much of the Department of General Services' budget remains unspent, particularly as a result of the agency's historically high vacancy rates.

The Department of Legislative Services' budget analyst responds that **approximately \$3.7 million is unspent** as a result of DGS's high vacancy rate. This does not include additional budgeted but unspent funds for other agency items. As noted in this year's budget report (found here: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs/BudgetFiscal/2021fy-budget-docs-operating-H00-Department-of-General-Services.pdf>), the agency's high vacancy rate has been consistent for years:

**DGS Continues to Have High Vacancy Rates:** DGS vacancy rates were 11% at the beginning of January and have been high for years.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erek L. Barron". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal stroke that extends to the left and loops back under the name.

Erek L. Barron