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House of Delegates
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

Dear Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to provide information and general support for the establishment of Maryland Office of the Inspector General.

As the current Inspector General for Howard County, the former Inspector General for Baltimore County, and a board member of the Association of Inspectors General, I know and understand the benefits of independent oversight.

Offices of Inspectors General are statutorily tasked with providing independent oversight. These offices fulfil their mission by rooting out fraud, waste and abuse while simultaneously making recommendations to improve government efficiency, integrity and accountability. The work of these offices is demonstrated by issuing fact-based reports identifying areas of concern and providing recommendations. Public reports issued can identify misspent monies, procedures not followed, instances of misconduct, as well as opportunities for cost-saving. These offices also provide a mechanism for citizens to file complaints about concerns with governmental functions and spending.

As the Inspector General for Baltimore County, the Office issued forty (40) public reports during my six years on areas of fraud, waste, misconduct, accountability, efficiency and integrity. The reports identified monies wasted related to the Baltimore City/Baltimore County water system, the waiver of permit fees and security related to a construction project, monies spent on software systems that were never fully utilized, and other instances of waste. The reports highlighted instances where County Code and procedures were not followed, as well as individual instances of misconduct. These public reports also included over 100 recommendations to make Baltimore County government more accountable and efficient. Further, the annual budget of the Office was a fraction of the fraud, waste and misconduct identified making it a smart return on the investment by the County taxpayer.

I believe an independent Maryland OIG office would be a benefit for state government. The Office would work closely with other local and State OIG offices to provide independent oversight. Any report issued would improve accountability and public confidence in government, identify areas of concern while simultaneously providing recommendations on ways to improve government efficiency. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


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