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March 11, 2015

Honorable Larry Hogan Governor, State of Maryland State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan:

The Board of Revenue Estimates has reviewed the current estimates in light of the most recent economic data and developments as well as revenue collection trends. Based on our analysis, the Board maintains the current estimates for general fund revenues of \$15.692 billion for fiscal year 2015 and \$16.245 billion for fiscal year 2016.

The Board and the Revenue Monitoring Committee will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed of any major developments.

Respectfully yours

Peter Franchot, Chairman

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Maryland General Fund Revenues Fiscal Years 2014 - 2016

(\$ in thousands)

FY 2015 FY 2016 FY 2014 December March December March \$ Thousands Actual Estimate Estimate Difference Growth Estimate Estimate Difference Growth INCOME TAXES: Individual 7,773,773 8,168,396 8,168,396 5.1% 8,628,707 8.628.707 5.6% 822,141 Corporate 761.208 767.581 767.581 0.8% 822,141 7.1% Total 8,534,982 8,935,977 8,935,977 4.7% 9,450,848 9,450,848 5.8% SALES AND USE TAXES 4.143.174 4.6% 4.529.455 4.5% 4.334.793 4.334.793 4.529.455 STATE LOTTERY 501,107 500,010 500,010 -0.2% 476,021 476,021 -4.8% OTHER REVENUES **Business Franchise Taxes** 228.389 230.277 230.277 0.8% 233.623 233.623 1.5% Tax on Insurance Companies 334.807 312,863 312.863 -6.6% 301.478 301,478 -3.6% Estate and Inheritance Taxes 239,366 -9.6% 213,785 239,366 12.0% 216,271 216,271 **Tobacco Taxes** 402,418 393,221 393.221 -2.3% 391.595 391.595 -0.4% Alcoholic Beverages Excise Taxes 31.144 31,624 31.624 1.5% 31.750 31,750 0.4% Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes 5,000 5,000 5,000 0.0% 4,625 4,625 -7.5% **District Courts** 77,670 78,524 78,524 1.1% 78,859 78,859 0.4% Clerks of the Court 35,352 36.607 36,607 3.6% 35,390 35,390 -3.3% **Hospital Patient Recoveries** 63.039 63,288 63,288 0.4% 63,265 63.265 0.0% Interest on Investments 21,392 20,361 20,361 -4.8% 31,199 31,199 53.2% Miscellaneous 424,724 365,790 365,790 -13.9% 323,167 323,167 -11.7% Total 1.837.720 1.776.922 1.776.922 -3.3% 1.711.222 1.711.222 -3.7% **Total Current Revenues** 15,016,983 15,547,703 15,547,703 3.5% 16,167,545 16,167,545 4.0% Transfer Tax Revenues¹ -46.1% 89.199 77,654 77.654 144,189 144,189 **GRAND TOTAL** 15,106,181 15,691,892 15,691,892 3.9% 16,245,199 16,245,199 3.5%

¹ Chapter 425 of the 2013 Legislative Session and Chapter 464 of the 2014 Legislative Session direct a portion of transfer tax revenues to the general fund: \$89.2 million in fiscal year 2014, \$144.2 million in fiscal year 2015, and \$77.7 million in fiscal year 2016.