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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Requirement to Respond to the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission Report – HG § 13-810

Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

In accordance with Health-General Article § 13-810, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) are required to respond within thirty days to the annual report submitted by the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission (CSRRC) and to share that response with the General Assembly.

I received a letter dated May 14, 2014 from Chairmen Middleton and Hammen requesting that the appointment of any new members to the CSRRC be delayed due to the fact that the provision and payment of community services for both mental health and developmental disabilities is in transition. Thus, the future role of the CSRRC is unclear, and an annual report for 2014 from the CSRRC is not forthcoming. Therefore, DDA and MHA are submitting this letter to you in acknowledgement of the requirements of Health-General Article § 13-810 and the current status of the CSRRC, which inhibits DDA and MHA from fulfilling the statutory requirements.

If you have any further questions, please contact Allison Taylor, Director of Governmental Affairs at 410-767-6481 or Allison.Taylor@Maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

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