

1 most critical areas of which is not responsive to the  
2 elected representative at the top of the heap, to wit,  
3 the Governor of this State.

4 We are thus faced with a Governor, or with an  
5 Executive Department, headed by a Governor who is vested  
6 with these general executive powers, and yet is deprived  
7 of constitutional control over the general management of  
8 the fiscal affairs of the State.

9 We need many reasons to make this recommendation.  
10 We heard a great deal of testimony. We heard testimony  
11 from many people who have been studying the problem of  
12 strengthening of local government for many years. Without  
13 exception, those people recommended that if Maryland is  
14 to have a modern executive to meet the demanding problems  
15 of urbanization and of the 20th Century, we must have an  
16 increased power in the Chief Executive of this State.

17 We heard such testimony from the Council on  
18 Economic Development, one of the most distinguished groups  
19 of business leaders, professional leaders, academicians  
20 in the country. We heard such testimony from the Council  
21 on Intergovernmental Affairs, not a business group, not an