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INTRODUCTION

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of Maryland, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1988, submitted herewith includes financial statements of the State of Maryland as well as information required by Title 2, Section 102 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the Office of the Comptroller. I believe the data, as presented, is accurate in all material respects; that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position and results of operations of the State as measured by the financial activity of its various funds; and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of the State's financial affairs have been included.

This report is presented in three sections; introductory, financial, and statistical. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter, the State's organizational chart, and a list of principal officials. The financial section includes the general purpose financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules, as well as the auditor's report on the financial statements and schedules. The statistical section includes selected financial and demographic information, generally presented on a multi-year basis.

The financial statements include the various departments, agencies and other organizational units governed by the General Assembly and/or constitutional officers of the State of Maryland. The following criteria was utilized to determine the entity for the State of Maryland: selection of governing authority, appointment of management, constitutional officers' ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal operations and scope of public service.

In addition to general government activities, the State exercises, or has the ability to exercise, oversight of the following organizations which are included in the State's financial statements:

- Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority
- Maryland Housing Fund
- Community Development Administration
- Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority
- Maryland Food Center Authority
- Maryland Transportation Authority
- Maryland State Lottery
- Maryland Environmental Service
- State Use Industries