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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland

The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller
President of the Senate

The Honorable Adrienne Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates

Reference: Green Purchasing Committee Annual Report
State Finance & Procurement Article §14-410 and COMAR 21.13.01.14

Governor Hogan, President Miller and Speaker Jones:

As the Chair of the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee (GPC), I am pleased to submit the 2019 Green Purchasing Committee Annual Report. In compliance with Chapter 593 of the Acts of 2010 and Chapter 604 of the Acts of 2014, the State of Maryland is procuring goods and services that have a lesser or reduced impact on human health and the environment. These environmentally preferable products and services lead to energy and water efficiency, and a decrease in greenhouse gases, among other attributes.

In 2019 DGS has taken concrete steps to re-invigorate the Green Purchasing Committee with renewed commitment by our Agency members, more regular meetings and outreach events, and dedicated time and resources to visioning our next steps for Maryland's future for sustainable procurement. DGS has committed resources to dedicated DGS staff time to the GPC as well as hiring a dedicated full-time contractual position to staff the Committee in FY 20.

This report shares the strides we have taken this past year and outlines goals for the next Fiscal Year. I am confident the committee's strategies and efforts will ultimately benefit the State's economy and the environment.

Sincerely,

Ellington E. Churchill, Jr.
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