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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
H-107 State House
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
H-101 State House
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Maryland Alternative Teaching Opportunity Program (MSAR # 5735)

Dear Governor O'Malley, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

The Maryland State Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly on the Maryland Alternative Teaching Opportunity Program. The Maryland Alternative Teaching Opportunity Program was to occur in several selected school districts and was to involve up to 150 teaching candidates as participants. According to the Bill, "... On October 1, 2008, and each year thereafter, the Department shall submit to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, a report regarding (1) the school systems participating in the program and the number of per diem stipends awarded; (2) the teaching assignments of resident teachers participating in the program; and (3) the retention rate of resident teachers participating in the program during their first five years of teaching." Since the bill has never been funded, no stipends were awarded. This correspondence serves as the reporting requirement as specified in the law.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Jean E. Satterfield, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Educator Effectiveness, at (410) 767-0385 or by email at jean.satterfield@maryland.gov. Of course you may always contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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