



Governor Jack A. Markell

January 26, 2012

To the Members of the 146th General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6335(a), I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2013 Governor's Recommended Operating Budget and Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware.

As we work together to ensure our Delaware state government maintains its core commitments, I present to you today a budget that builds upon our strong fiscal principles and priorities, invests in our classrooms and is strategically positioned to help move our economy forward. In keeping with our constitutional mandates, my Recommended Operating Budget appropriates 98 percent of projected revenues and maintains the 5 percent budget reserve. Similarly, my Recommended Capital Improvements Act fulfills the three statutory debt limitation tests.

Thank you for your commitment to work together to create more jobs for Delawareans, build a world-class education system for our students and continue to make government more efficient. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with all of the members of the 146th General Assembly to build a better Delaware.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Markell".

Jack A. Markell
Governor