



*Governor Jack A. Markell*

January 24, 2013

To the Members of the 147<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6335 (a), I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2014 Recommended Operating Budget and Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware.

I present to you today a balanced spending plan that continues the prudent fiscal stewardship that has served this state well. The Fiscal Year 2014 Recommended Operating Budget and Bond and Capital Improvements Act are in compliance with constitutional and statutory limitations of appropriations. Further, the recommended operating and capital budgets include investments in the classroom to ensure our children receive a world-class education as well as resources to bolster our economy and put Delawareans back to work while continuing to support core state services provided to Delawareans.

I am honored to serve a second term as Delaware's governor and look forward to working with the members of the 147<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

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

Jack A. Markell  
Governor