



*Governor Jack A. Markell*

January 29, 2015

To the Members of the 148th General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6335 (a), I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Operating Budget and Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware.

I present to you today a spending plan that is within constitutional and statutory limitations on appropriations and fully funds the State's budgetary reserve account. Funding included in the Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Operating Budget and Bond and Capital Improvements Act will help strengthen Delaware's economy, continue our progress to provide the highest quality education for our children, enhance the overall quality of life in our communities and support Delawareans in need.

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with the members of the 148th General Assembly to keep Delaware moving forward.

Sincerely,

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

Jack A. Markell  
Governor