



Governor Jack A. Markell

January 12, 2017

To the Members of the 149th General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6335 (a), I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2018 Recommended Operating Budget and Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware.

I present to you today a balanced budget that addresses our fiscal challenges, while investing in the areas key to building on our progress of advancing opportunity and prosperity for all Delawareans, including our core commitments of public education, health care and public safety. The Fiscal Year 2018 Recommended Operating Budget and Bond and Capital Improvements Act are within constitutional and statutory limitations of appropriations.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Governor of our great state for the last eight years.

Sincerely,

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

Jack A. Markell
Governor