



*Governor John C. Carney*

January 28, 2021

To the Members of the 151st General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6335 (a), I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Operating Budget, One-Time Supplemental Appropriation and Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware.

The past year has seen unprecedented challenges to states across our nation due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Delaware we have seen our family, friends and neighbors endure physical and economic hardship, yet I am heartened by the efforts of first responders, front-line workers and all Delawareans to stop the spread of this disease in our communities and rebuild our economy.

Much work remains to be done as Delaware emerges from the pandemic stronger and more resilient. The plan I present today remains true to the fiscal discipline that enabled us to successfully guide Delaware through the turbulent economic times over the past year while investing in priority areas to include:

- Balancing the need for a healthy community with the need for a strong economy by supporting Delaware families, workers, and small businesses affected by the COVID-19 crisis;
- Giving all Delaware children an equal opportunity to succeed in school;
- Investing in the new economy to expand economic opportunity;
- Improving health care quality and containing costs;
- Ensuring safe and secure communities; and
- Making state government more efficient and effective.

I look forward to working with the 151st General Assembly on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Carney".

John C. Carney  
Governor