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To the Members of the 152nd General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6335 (a), I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Operating Budget, Supplemental One-Time Appropriation and Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware.

The budget I am submitting continues to support Delawareans and improve our state with a focus on strengthening our economy, investing in our public schools, supporting families and our workforce, and protecting our environment.

The decisions we have made to manage our budget responsibly allows us to make these investments and ensure that Delaware remains the best place to live, work, and raise a family. I am encouraged that we, as Delawareans, have the ability to unite behind this shared goal.

The plan I present today remains true to our goals and invests in the following priority areas:

- Supporting Delaware children and families through educational initiatives, Opportunity Funding and a historic investment in teacher pay;
- Continuing to support State of Delaware employees through compensation and pay equity;
- Promoting the creation of affordable housing statewide;
- Investing in economic development and creating new opportunities for growth;
- Focusing on the health of Delawareans and our environment;
- Increasing efficiencies throughout state government.

I look forward to working with the 152nd General Assembly on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

John C. Carney Governor