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**LEADERSHIP THAT
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***Leadership that Works: The O'Malley-Brown Plan for
A New State Homeland Security Office
Located In Prince George's County***

Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown believe Maryland can utilize its natural and strategic assets and invest in economic growth to create new, good paying jobs, and enhance our homeland security and local law enforcement efforts. One way to do this will be through locating a new State Homeland Security Office in Prince George's County.

Based upon Prince George's County's strategic location, O'Malley and Brown believe Maryland should establish a new State Homeland Security Office in Prince George's County. The Homeland Security Office will provide a much needed state presence to link operations between Baltimore, Annapolis, and the Washington suburbs. Prince George's County will be an ideal location because of its strategic location near Maryland's capitol as well as the nation's capitol and its easy access to major roadways, mass transit, international airports, housing and existing military and high tech installations.

The mission of the Office will be to 1) lobby for and capture any untapped federal homeland security dollars; 2) establish a greater federal government presence in the County and the DC Metro Area; 3) increase the State of Maryland's presence in the County and the Washington D.C. metro area; 4) boost local economic development with homeland security related businesses; and 5) enhance local crime fighting by leveraging the State's homeland security efforts.

This office would be positioned to oversee opportunities for economic development associated with Maryland's potential "Homeland Security Corridor." Building upon the model successfully employed in Baltimore, where improvements in intelligence-gathering and the use of technologies such as Closed Circuit Television, which allows law enforcement 24-hour a day surveillance capability to protect critical infrastructure, major transportation systems and federal and medical institutions, have increased security while also benefiting traditional law enforcement, the office would also seek out opportunities for improvements using already available federal funding.

The Homeland Security Office will have five major goals to increase security and promote economic growth in Prince George's County and the DC Metro Area:

- **Become the Main Lobbying Arm to Capture Additional Federal Security Dollars.** The Homeland Security Office in Prince George's County will become Maryland's main lobbying arm for additional homeland security dollars and jobs. Additionally, the office

will assist Maryland's State, County and Municipal leaders in acquiring federal homeland grants and will provide voluntary expertise on allocation of these grants.

- **Work to Establish a Greater Federal Presence in Prince George's County for Security and Safety Jobs.** Despite its location near the nation's capitol and its many resources and assets, Prince George's County does not have near the level of federal government investment and presence it could. The new Homeland Security Office will work to make the county more attractive to federal government investment and jobs.
- **Create a Greater State Government Presence in Prince George's County.** The Homeland Security Office will also fill a vacuum in the state's decentralized government which has all too often overlooked Prince George's County for additional roles and missions. Having a greater state presence in Prince George's County will bring further balance to Maryland's state government both geographically and economically.
- **Boost Local Economic Development with Homeland Security Related Businesses.** The Homeland Security Office will work with local, state and federal entities to boost economic development in Prince George's County. With the rapid growth of homeland security related businesses in the United States, Prince George's County is uniquely positioned to benefit from additional investment. The Homeland Security Office will work hand-in-hand with existing business incubators and government agencies to ensure the growth of the homeland security industry in Prince George's County.
- **Enhance Local Crime-Fighting Efforts by Creating Synergy with Homeland Security.** The Homeland Security Office will provide crucial interaction with local law enforcement authorities to assist in crime-fighting in Prince George's County. Similar to the successful Closed Circuit Television network (CCTV) in Baltimore City, the Homeland Security Office will have law enforcement staff and will be able to monitor critical infrastructure and high-crime zones. The Office will create critical new synergies with law enforcement officials in communications, rapid deployment of resources and needed areas in the community, enhanced training programs and shared resources. With direct communication to local authorities, the Office will be able to assist police with their crime fighting efforts.

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