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Dear Stakeholder:

A primary goal of the Hogan administration is ensuring that Maryland is “Open for Business.” Years of overregulation, tax increases, and an anti-business attitude have had a devastating impact on Maryland’s economy and have limited our ability to compete regionally and nationally.

My administration, however, is focusing on economic development initiatives that will make Maryland competitive. We are also committed to giving business owners and other stakeholders a seat at the table when it comes to devising and enacting common-sense policies that empower businesses to thrive. Fixing Maryland’s business climate, turning our economy around, and creating more opportunities and jobs for our citizens is critical.

I have heard from business leaders across the State who repeatedly describe the onerous, antiquated, or duplicative regulatory obstacles they encounter in order to do business in Maryland. I have also heard a consistent message from leaders who are frustrated with unnecessary regulations and compliance measures, as well as inordinate delays and processing times, in their dealings with government agencies.

Therefore, earlier this summer, I issued Executive Order 01.01.2015.20, establishing the Regulatory Reform Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Maryland’s regulatory climate in an effort to identify problems that could potentially impact Maryland’s business environment. The Commission will hold meetings across the State to engage stakeholders, so that we can identify areas of concern and opportunity.

I encourage you to attend the Commission meetings to share your experiences and provide constructive feedback and thoughtful recommendations as we continue our goal to fix Maryland’s regulatory environment. If you are unable to attend the meetings in person, please provide your recommendations through the Regulatory Reform Commission website located at: regulatoryreform.maryland.gov

With your input on this important issue, we can change Maryland for the better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Hogan".

Larry Hogan
Governor

Regulatory Reform Commission Meeting Schedule

Date: September 10, 2015
Location: Baltimore City Community College
2901 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215-7893
Time: 10AM – 1PM

Date: September 17, 2015
Location: University of Maryland – College Park
Adele H. Stamp Student Union, 1021A Union Ln, College Park, MD 20742
Time: 10AM – 1PM

Date: September 24, 2015
Location: Decoy Museum
215 Giles Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078
Time: 10AM – 1PM

Date: September 30, 2015
Location: Volvo Group Trucks
13403 Volvo Way, Hagerstown, MD 21742
Time: 10AM – 1PM

Date: October 7, 2015
Location: Jacee's Community Center
3090 Crain Hwy, Waldorf, MD 20601
Time: 10AM – 1PM

Date: October 13, 2015
Location: Hyatt Regency
100 Heron Blvd, Cambridge, MD 21613
Time: 10AM – 1PM

Regulatory Reform Commission Members

James A. Soltesz (co-chair) is the chief executive officer of Soltesz and responsible for all operations including day-to-day management decisions and implementing long- and short-term plans. His role involves leading the development and execution of the company's long-term strategy with a focus on creating lasting value for clients and staff.

Abba David Poliakoff (co-chair) is a member of the law firm Gordon Feinblatt LLC, chairman of its Securities Practice and Israel Practice Groups, and a member of the firm's Business Law department.

Susan J. "Suzy" Ganz is the CEO and Principal Shareholder of Lion Brothers Company, Inc., the leading designer and manufacturer of apparel identity. She has been responsible for transitioning Lion from a commodity producer to a recognized innovator in the apparel industry.

Jay Steinmetz is the CEO of Barcoding Inc., the nationally recognized leader in data-capture solutions. Steinmetz founded Barcoding, Inc. in 1997.

Henry Gilford III is chief executive of Gilford Corporation and oversees the corporation's strategic management, marketing, and business development. He also has executive responsibility for firm operations including planning, estimating, project management, marketing, staffing, recruiting, financial management, and field operations.

William B. Grant, Esq., CFP, has been the chairman and chief executive officer of First United Bank & Trust since 1996.

Jennifer Rhodes is a lifelong farming resident of Queen Anne's County and currently is the Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland Extension, in Queen Anne's County.

Joseph G. Baldwin has been a full-time employee for Reliable Contracting since 1986. He was named president/CEO in 2002 and represents the company's third generation of family leadership.

Howard "Blackie" Bowen has been the president of Ewing Oil Company Inc. since 1988. Bowen served as a director at Centra Bank, Inc. He serves as a member of the Farmers Mechanics Bank Board and as a director of Maryland Public Policy Institute.

James T. Brady has been managing director of Mid-Atlantic of Ballantrae International Ltd., a management consulting firm, since 1999. He serves as a trustee of Stevenson University. He served as a director of Constellation Energy Group Inc. at Baltimore Gas and Electric Company from May 1999 to March 2012. He has been a director of McCormick & Co. Inc. since 1998 and NexCen Brands, Inc. since June 2002. He also serves as a director of Swales & Associates, Inc.