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October 14, 2015

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
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The Honorable Bruce A. Wahl
Mayor of Chesapeake Beach President
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Dear Executive Leggett and Mayor Wahl:

As you are aware, amendments to the Maryland Public Information Act (“PIA”) went into effect on October 1, 2015. One such change involved the creation of the State Public Information Compliance Board (the “Board”), which has the power to resolve disputes concerning an “unreasonable” fee of more than \$350 sought by a custodian for costs incurred when reviewing and preparing documents for production in response to a PIA request.

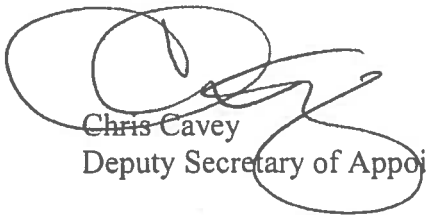
There will be five members on the Board, one of whom needs to be a joint nomination from the Maryland Association of Counties (“MACo”) and the Maryland Municipal League (“MML”). The Office of the Governor, therefore, respectfully requests that your organizations, and any other members of your community, agree on a nominee within thirty-days and that your selection has the requisite qualifications required by the statute, including “knowledge of the provisions” of the PIA and prior service “as an official custodian in the State.”

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We then ask that the nominee submit a resume and a completed application to the Appointments Office at jennifer.barker@maryland.gov within five business days from the date of nomination. Once your nomination is received and the individual has submitted their application, the Governor will seek the advice and consent of the Senate before making his appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Geoff Hengerer, the Governor's Deputy Legal Counsel, at (410) 974-2193 or geoffrey.hengerer@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Cavey", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Chris Cavey
Deputy Secretary of Appointments