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Dear Ms. Snyder and Mr. Rapoport:

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 open government and news media communities. 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 experience “on issues related to transparency or open government” and being a representative “from a nongovernmental nonprofit group that is organized in the State.”

We then ask that the nominee submit a resume and a completed application to the Appointments Office at [jennifer.barker@maryland.gov](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:geoffrey.hengerer@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Cavey". The signature is stylized with several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Chris Cavey  
Deputy Secretary of Appointments