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**Workers' Compensation
Budget Advisory Committee**

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The Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor
State of Maryland
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Report of Advisory Committee on the Budget of the
Workers' Compensation Commission for Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

Dear Governor O'Malley:

Pursuant to the requirements of Md. Code Ann., Lab. & Empl. § 9-318(d), this is the report of the Advisory Committee on the budget of the Workers' Compensation Commission for Fiscal Year 2009. The Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed budget as prepared by the Commission and is in unanimous agreement with the budget.

The Workers' Compensation Commission is a specially funded agency. Its operation costs the general fund zero dollars. No fees, charges or other costs are imposed on Marylanders by the State to support the Commission. The agency is funded by assessments on insurers and self-insured employers.

On October 10, 2007, the Advisory Committee met with the Honorable R. Karl Aumann, Chairman of the Commission, and key staff relevant to the budget. The Chairman and staff presented a comprehensive overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2009 budget. There were no significant concerns raised by the Chairman, staff or members of the Advisory Committee. Advisory Committee members Kathleen Fink, Kevin Foy, Mark Hackman, Jeff Horowitz, and Patrick Roberson met in closed session immediately

following the presentation by the Commission and fully discussed the submitted proposed budget.

On October 17, 2007, the Advisory Committee informed Chairman Aumann that the Committee had no recommendations to the Commission as to any changes in any budget area of the Commission.

In support of its decision, the Advisory Committee makes the following comments: The Commission has met budget requirements as well as key goals, objectives and performance measures established. There are no new major agency initiatives. Chairman Aumann remains an excellent manager with respect to budget issues as they relate to the overall mission of the agency in providing an efficient and effective forum for the administration and resolution of claims.

The Fiscal Year 2009 budget presented is, in our opinion, appropriate and should be approved as submitted.

Respectfully,



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Advisory Committee on the Budget

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Cc: Department of Legislative Services
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