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**Advisory Committee on the
Budget of the Workers'
Compensation Commission**

10 East Baltimore Street, 7th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202-1641

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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 FY 2010 Budget
of the Workers' Compensation Commission

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 2010. 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 Commission is funded by assessments on insurers and self-insured employers.

On October 1, 2008, 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 2010 budget. Advisory Committee members Michael Comeau, Sandra Dorsey, Kathleen Fink, Kevin

Foy, Mark Hackman and Patrick Roberson thereafter reviewed the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

On October 22, 2008, 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 and has met or surpassed key strategic goals and objectives. There are no new major agency initiatives. Chairman Aumann continues to be an excellent administrative and executive head of the Commission 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 2010 budget presented is, in the opinion of the Advisory Committee, appropriate and should be approved as submitted.

With respect to Advisory Committee membership, Kevin P. Foy, Esquire will be functioning as Acting Chair. I will continue to serve as a member at your pleasure in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Lab. & Empl. § 9-317(b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,



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Cc: All Members of the Advisory Committee
The Honorable R. Karl Aumann, Chairman
Department of Legislative Services