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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Federal Relations respectfully submits this report on its activities during the 2013 interim. Pursuant to Title 2, Subtitle 9 of the State Government Article, the committee is responsible for monitoring the effects of federal proposals on the State, reviewing interstate compacts, and generally promoting cooperation between the State and federal governments. The committee's major activities are summarized below.

Briefings by the Maryland Department of Transportation – On September 25, 2013, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation and his staff briefed the committee on:

- federal issues comprising:
 - transportation funding;
 - the outlook on federal transportation reauthorization efforts; and
 - issues related to:
 - the then impending federal government shutdown;
 - the federal sequester; and
 - the solvency of the federal Highway Trust Fund;
- the draft *Consolidated Transportation Program* and how new revenues were programmed; and

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- the major transit projects under development in Maryland – the Red Line, the Purple Line and the Corridor Cities Transitway.

Briefing on Immigration – On October 23, 2013, the committee met for a discussion on immigration. The following three presentations were made to the committee:

- Hiram Burch of the Maryland Department of Legislative Services gave a presentation on the demographics of the immigrant community in Maryland;
- Ann Morse and Sheri Steisel from the National Conference of State Legislatures gave a presentation on federal immigration legislation and legislation enacted or proposed in other states; and
- Jeffrey Werling from Inforum at the University of Maryland gave a presentation on the impacts of immigration on Maryland.

Interstate Compacts – Also during the October 23 meeting, the committee completed its review of the following interstate compacts:

- Appalachian States Low Level Radioactive Waste Compact;
- Driver's License Compact;
- Interstate Corrections Compact;
- Interstate Agreement on Detainers;
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact;
- Interstate Pest Control Compact; and
- Pursuit of Offenders Across Maryland-Virginia Water Boundary Compact.

The committee was informed that the Interstate Pest Control Compact had been dissolved due to issues related to federal tax compliance but that the functions of the compact would be assumed by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. Agencies involved with the other compacts indicated that Maryland's continued participation in each compact was desirable.

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The committee looks forward to continuing its role as a forum for discussion of important issues in State-federal relations.

Sincerely,

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