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The Honorable Bill Ferguson, Co-Chair The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Co-Chair Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Dear President Ferguson, Speaker Jones, and Members:

The Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness is pleased to submit a summary report of its 2024 interim activities. This report also serves as the joint committee's annual report detailing its work. The joint committee met virtually this interim to receive a general briefing on the status of homelessness services in the State.

At the October 30 meeting, the Department of Housing and Community Development updated the joint committee on existing homelessness prevention programs and the distribution of housing and homelessness prevention funding. The Department of Human Services discussed their initiatives targeting homelessness and provided an update on a recently enacted bill regarding the Kinship Care Program. The Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Homeless Services discussed their funding sources, initiatives targeting homelessness, and future plans. Finally, Healthcare for the Homeless presented their recent policy achievements and initiatives.

The joint committee does not have any formal recommendations for this interim period. However, the joint committee looks forward to a productive session focusing on issues related to housing and homelessness, in addition to continuing our work next interim. We wish to thank the joint committee members for their participation, representatives of public and private organizations who kept us informed, and our committee staff for their support.

Sincerely,

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