



CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE  
Nancy K. Kopp, Chair

October 20, 2021

The Honorable Larry Hogan  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Bill Ferguson  
President of the Senate  
Maryland General Assembly  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker of the House  
Maryland General Assembly  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Governor Hogan, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

Section 8-104, *et seq.* of the State Finance and Procurement Article requires the Capital Debt Affordability Committee to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an estimate of the maximum amount of new general obligation debt that may be prudently authorized for the next fiscal year. The statute also requires that the Committee submit an estimate of the amount of new academic facilities bonds that may be prudently authorized. As Chair of the Committee, I am submitting to you this letter which includes the Committee's recommendations pending completion of the official 2021 Capital Debt Affordability Committee Report.

The Committee met on October 18, 2021 to recommend the amount of new general obligation bonds to be authorized for the fiscal year 2023 capital program. The Committee also established planning assumptions for the Department of Budget and Management to use in its capital program planning process. After discussion, the Committee voted 4-1, with the Treasurer voting nay, to recommend \$900 million as the maximum amount of general obligation bonds to be authorized for fiscal year 2023. For planning purposes, the Committee recommended \$1,125 million, \$1,135 million, \$1,145 million, and \$1,155 million for fiscal years 2024 through 2027, respectively.

Based on its review of the size and condition of the debt of State institutions of higher education, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend a limit of \$30 million for new academic facilities bonds for the University System of Maryland for fiscal year 2023.

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The Committee is in the process of finalizing its complete Annual Report, which will be submitted as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Nancy K. Kopp  
State Treasurer  
Chair, Capital Debt Affordability Committee

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cc: The Honorable Peter Franchot, State Comptroller  
The Honorable David Brinkley, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management  
The Honorable Gregory Slater, Secretary, Department of Transportation  
Mr. Paul B. Meritt  
The Honorable Senator Craig Zucker, Chair, Capital Budget Subcommittee  
The Honorable Delegate Benjamin Barnes, Chair, Capital Budget Subcommittee