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Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor
State of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Governor O'Malley:

This letter is an urgent appeal, requesting your attendance at an emergency meeting of the Maryland Black Mayors, Inc., community leaders and their organizational constituencies as well as residents and citizens of Prince George's County, Maryland. This meeting is being called by a number of mayors from the Maryland Black Mayors, Inc. who have been asked to coordinate a meeting with you to answer questions about the state of Maryland's portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and specifically your plans to ensure financial resources and assistance coming to Prince George's County, Maryland and in particular the African-American communities.

The Emergency Community Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, 7:00 pm at the Central High School Auditorium 200 Cabin Branch Road Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743. A three member panel is being developed to ask you questions in the areas of Education, Foreclosures and Economic Development. We are conservatively estimating over 1,000 people who will attend this meeting eager to hear from you your plans to ensure equitable distribution of financial resources to Prince George's County specifically to address these issues.

Members of your staff can coordinate directly with me about the event. We look forward to your participation in this civil discussion to address the concerns of our constituencies. Our mutual interests in ensuring the quality and effective delivery of services and the equitable distribution of financial resources to the communities that need bind us together as ONE. We are admonished to work together to ensure that NO Marylander is left behind, left aside or left out. I can be reached on 301-336-2600 or 240-455-2601. We look forward to seeing you on March 3, 2009.

Yours in Excellent Service

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene W. Grant", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Eugene W. Grant, Mayor
President, MBM, Inc.

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