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## Gentlemen:

Enactment 11 of Chapters 759/769, 2016 Acts of Assembly, requires the Directors of the Departments of Planning and Budget and General Services to provide a quarterly report on the status of the General Assembly Building capital project. The first quarterly report is provided through the information in the paragraph below and the attached letter from Mr. Chris Beschler, Director of the Department of General Services.

To date, \$34.3 million in appropriation has been transferred to cover the various elements of this project from the authorizing central pool, of which \$6.3 million has been spent. Funding has been provided for the detailed planning of the new General Assembly building and site evaluation, as well as for costs with preparing swing space at the Monroe and Pocahontas Buildings and Main Street Station for the relocation of staff during the demolition and construction of the new space.

Sincerely,

**Daniel Timberlake** 

Attachment

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Dear Mr. Timberlake:

In accordance with paragraph 11 of Chapters 759/769 of the 2016 Acts of Assembly, included herein is an update on the status of the completion of the General Assembly Building Project (18081-001).

Project Status: In Design Progress to Date:

- Selection of design and construction firms: In fall 2015, a committee of representatives from the General Assembly and the Department of General Services selected the design and construction teams for the project: Robert A.M. Stern Architects and Gilbane Building Company, respectively.
- Commencement of design work: The design and construction teams have worked closely with the project owner (General Assembly, through the offices of the Clerk of the House and Clerk of the Senate), to develop program design concepts and provide schematic design direction.
- Site work completed: Site work completed includes a survey of existing site conditions, geotechnical borings, and a preliminary report of subsurface conditions.
- Presentation to the Historic Preservation Community: In August 2016, the design team led a
  presentation to the historic preservation community that included an analysis of the 1912 southeastern
  façade. The Capitol Square Preservation Council and Department of Historic Resources attended the
  presentation.
- Funding: Pursuant to the capital outlay project funding process, capital funds to proceed to and through preliminary design have been approved.

**Next Steps:** Continue program and building design efforts working towards the development of preliminary design documents.

Christopher L. Beschler