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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor
The State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley:

I am the President of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, Inc., a statewide labor organization with over 10,000 dues-paying members, more than half of whom are active Maryland state workers. On behalf of our members, we urge you and your administration to cease the long-standing practice of looking first to state employees when seeking ways to cut the budget.

The men and women who serve the citizens of this State, and who are citizens themselves, have seen their pay stagnate or cut, have been subjected to layoffs, and have already been furloughed. These furlough days do not, as suggested by today's Baltimore Sun, merely inflict "some pain" on state workers - these furloughs mean a missed trip to the grocery store to feed a family, a skipped car payment, bills not paid, etc.

The morale of state employees has never, in my 20 years with the State, been lower. Show State employees that they have your support - find another way to address this financial crisis. State employees have paid enough!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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