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Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor
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Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

RE: Governors' K-12 Computer Science Partnership

Dear Governor Hogan:

We hope this letter finds you in good health and good spirits. The Montgomery County Delegation is writing to encourage your support and participation in the national *Governors' K-12 Computer Science Partnership*.

Twenty-two (22) states have already proposed policies to expand computer science instruction, and to provide the necessary training for our educators to teach the subject matter. Expanding access to K-12 computer science education is essential to engage students in critical thinking, research, collaboration, thinking interdependently, problem analysis, problem/solution efforts, and much more. Computer science puts students on the path toward some of the highest-paying, fastest-growing jobs in Maryland and nationwide.

We would like to work collaboratively with your administration and with other state leaders to share best practices for computer science and advocate for federal policies to expand computer science instruction, including funding opportunities, flexibility, and policy change.

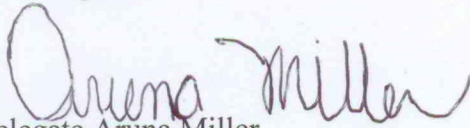
To that end, we write to encourage your participation in the Governors' K-12 Computer Science Partnership. Participating governors commit to working toward the following policies that will help meet the goal of increasing access to K-12 computer science education:

- Enable all high schools in Maryland to offer at least one rigorous computer science course;
- Fund professional learning opportunities so teachers in all counties can be prepared to teach these courses; and,
- Create a set of high-quality academic K-12 computer science standards to guide local implementation of courses.

Your commitment to the Governors' K-12 Computer Science Education Partnership is an opportunity to take the lead in preparing students for tomorrow's economy. We support your efforts to put Maryland on the leading edge in education and in workforce development. Thank you in advance for your consideration to this matter.

Happy New Year.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Aruna Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Aruna" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Miller".

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