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To the Members of the 152nd General Assembly and to all Delawareans:

In compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 6335 (a), I respectfully submit for your consideration the Fiscal Year 2025 Recommended Operating Budget, Supplemental One-Time Appropriation and Bond and Capital Improvements Act for the State of Delaware.

The budget that I am submitting for your consideration continues to invest in several key priority areas that I have supported during my time as Governor. It also continues to follow key budgeting principles that have served our residents of this State well. Even in the face of historic inflation rates, we've made sure that State government has invested taxpayer dollars in a responsible way. This budget does not contain any new revenue packages, and I am submitting a budget with growth that is sustainable into the future.

The budget before you continues to focus on our State's future with significant investments in our educators, our schools and communities, our economy, and our environment. As we have seen health care costs increase in our state like they have across the country, this budget also recognizes the investments—and impacts—that significant health care costs have in the long run.

Importantly, the plan I present today remains true to our goals and invests in the following priority areas:

- Supporting Delaware children and families through educational initiatives, Opportunity Funding, early childhood education, and a historic investment in public education compensation;
- Continuing to support State of Delaware employees with competitive compensation;
- Investing in economic development and creating new opportunities for good paying jobs;
- Focusing on the health of Delawareans and preserving the natural heritage of our state; and
- Increasing efficiencies throughout state government.

I look forward to working with the 152nd General Assembly on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Carney".

John C. Carney  
Governor