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Peter Franchot  
*Comptroller*

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Sheriff Ronald S. Bateman  
Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office  
Post Office Box 507  
Annapolis, MD 21404

Dear Sheriff Bateman: *Ron,*

Thank you very much for taking the time to attend my swearing-in ceremony on January 24, 2011. I was pleased that you could join me for the beginning of my second term as your Comptroller. I'm looking forward to building on the momentum from the initiatives of the first four years in order to take this agency to the next level.

Enclosed is a copy of my inaugural speech outlining strategies designed to address some of the economic and fiscal challenges that lie ahead for Maryland. I truly feel that fiscal responsibility is the key to social progress and the genius of the private sector is the key to economic growth. Both require innovation and a spirit of collaboration and partnership from all of us.

Again I thank you for being with me to launch my next four years in office. My best wishes to you and your family for a productive and successful 2011.

*Great to see you!*

Sincerely,  
*Peter Franchot*  
Peter Franchot  
Comptroller

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*Thanks for all your leadership!*