



MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Maryland Professional Employees Council (MPEC) Statement on the Board of Public Works Budget Vote

MPEC, a state employee union representing 5,000 professionally classified state workers, President Jerry Smith released this statement following the Maryland Board of Public Works decision by a 2-1 vote to delay \$205 million in cuts to state employees:

“MPEC is pleased that these cuts will not go into effect at this moment when there is still so much to be decided. The union appreciates Comptroller Franchot and Treasurer Kopp who recognize that important and tough fiscal decisions will need to be made to ensure the economic welfare of the state. They also recognize those decisions should be made in collaboration with all vested parties including state employee unions. Our union is willing to sit down with Governor Hogan, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and all other parties to help put Maryland on solid fiscal footing moving forward.

Lastly but most importantly, I want to thank the members of MPEC. Our membership quickly mobilized and participated in various forms of activism that demonstrated to our elected leaders and the Marylanders we gladly provide services for, that the state budget should not be balanced on the backs of state employees.”

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