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***Martin O'Malley Launches Petition Drive Urging Bush to
Reverse Decision to Allow a Foreign Government to
Control Port Operations***

In first hour of drive over 500 signatures

Baltimore, MD (February 23, 2006) – This afternoon, Martin O'Malley launched an on-line petition drive urging President Bush to reverse his Administration's decision to turn over operations at the Port of Baltimore to a foreign government.

The petition can be found at: www.martinomalley.com

In the first hour alone, over 500 concerned citizens have signed the petition asking President Bush to protect the Port of Baltimore.

Since the decision was announced last week, Martin O'Malley has spoken out against this move. On Saturday, O'Malley rallied local leaders and called on President Bush to reverse the Administration's decision. This week, O'Malley, co-chair of the US Conference of Mayors' Task Force on Homeland Security, is organizing opposition to the Administration's decision at a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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