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***O'Malley-Brown Unveil Plan for Prince George's County  
Regional Homeland Security Office  
Would Improve Security and Grow Regional Economy***

**LARGO, MD (March 8, 2006)** – Today, Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown announced a plan to create a new Prince George's County Regional Homeland Security Office. Speaking before the Prince George's County Business Roundtable, O'Malley noted that the new office in Prince George's County would improve efforts to secure Maryland, augment local law enforcement efforts and help grow the regional economy.

"By leveraging Prince George's natural strengths with a state office, we can not only improve our security, but bring increased investment and jobs to the area," said O'Malley.

The Prince George's Regional Homeland Security Office will provide a much needed state presence to link operations between Baltimore, Annapolis, and the Washington suburbs. The mission of the Office will be to:

- Lobby for and capture any untapped federal homeland security dollars;
- Establish a greater federal government presence in the County and the DC Metro Area;
- Increase the State of Maryland's presence in the County and the Washington D.C. metro area;
- Boost local economic development with homeland security related businesses; and
- Enhance local crime fighting by leveraging the State's homeland security efforts.

A homeland security office is an ideal fit in Prince George's because of its strategic location and natural advantages. Prince George's County is located in the "Homeland Security Corridor" between Baltimore and Washington, near the state capitol and has

easy access to major roadways, mass transit, international airports, housing and existing military and high tech installations.

“Prince George’s County is an untapped asset that we need to take advantage of to protect our state,” said O’Malley.

O’Malley also pointed to the need for a new office to maximize Maryland’s strategic advantages and capture untapped homeland security resources.

“We can’t leave money on the table if we want to secure our state and grow our economy. This new Prince George’s office will help us tap into all the resources we have available to us to that we aren’t currently taking advantage of,” said O’Malley.

Maryland’s State government in Annapolis currently keeps 20 percent of federal homeland security funding to itself, rather than placing it in the hands of localities. Martin O’Malley and Anthony Brown will work to move more of this money into police, fire fighters and EMS personnel and in investments in priority projects that would have a real impact on the security of Marylanders.

A full copy of the O’Malley-Brown plan is attached, and can be found at [www.martinomalley.com](http://www.martinomalley.com).

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