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The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor  
State of Maryland  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
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The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
H-101 State House  
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RE: HB 300 (Ch. 513) of the Acts of 2000 and HG § 13-1405(a)(4)  
2011 Legislative Report of the State Board of Spinal Cord Injury Research

Dear Governor O'Malley, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

The State Board of Spinal Cord Injury Research (the Board) was established by House Bill 300 during the 2000 legislative session to administer a Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund. (see Health-General Article, §§13-1401—1407) The Board is charged with awarding research grants aimed at restoring neurological function in individuals with spinal cord injuries. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Office of Chronic Disease Prevention provides administrative support to the Board. Pursuant to this legislation, the Board is directed to submit an annual legislative report on its activities in administering the grant program, including the status of the moneys in the Fund, and the status of the spinal cord research projects that are funded by grants issued by the Board. Accordingly, because the spinal cord grants program remained defunded in both FY11 and FY12, the Department is reporting that there are no spinal cord research projects supported by the Fund being conducted at this time.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Ms. Marie Grant, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs at (410) 767-6481.

Sincerely,

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