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Statement from Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman on Decision to Freeze Disbursement of Federal Grants

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (January 28, 2025) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today released the following statement in response to the Trump administration's decision to freeze disbursement of federal grants:

“As Maryland’s Comptroller, I am charged by our state’s Constitution to exercise “general superintendence of the fiscal affairs of the State.” The Office of the Comptroller is dedicated to working in partnership with leaders across the state to build a state that is more equitable, more resilient, and more prosperous through the many levers of state government.

“The decision by the Trump administration to attempt to freeze the disbursement of federal grants and loans is deeply concerning because of its potential impact on Maryland residents, communities, businesses, and nonprofits and because of the chaotic nature of the announcement. Although temporarily stayed by a federal court, this unilateral decision could put crucial programs and services for millions of Americans at risk. According to our agency’s single audit, during the 2023 fiscal year, the federal government awarded more than \$23 billion in grant funding to the state of Maryland. This money was used to support Maryland families and communities – and is essential to our state’s continued economic viability.

“I am resolute in my support for our federal, state, and local government workforce, our private businesses, and our nonprofit partners. I will continue to work in partnership with Governor Moore, Attorney General Brown, and Treasurer Davis—as well as our government partners throughout the country—to monitor and assess the impact of this administration’s policies on our state and work to mitigate the impact on our residents and our economy.

“Throughout this current challenge and future ones, my agency will do everything we can to ensure Maryland communities are resilient and that our state is well-positioned for long-term economic growth and success for all.”

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