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Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman Issues Statement on First Anniversary of the Key Bridge Collapse

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 26, 2025) — Today, we remember the six lives lost when the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed one year ago. This tragedy altered the lives of their loved ones who continue to grieve their deaths. It also left a lasting impact on our state – from those Marylanders who worked at the port each day, or drove across the bridge to get to and from work, and those living in the surrounding communities; with the collapse of the bridge, we all lost an important link connecting us to other parts of our region.

In the wake of the disaster, Marylanders came together in solidarity to respond and begin the difficult process of rebuilding. I remain appreciative of the first responders who risked their own lives to bring closure to families of bridge collapse victims, to the government agencies and nonprofit organizations that worked together to support workers whose livelihoods were jeopardized by a standstill at the Port of Baltimore, and those who have worked for the last year to build new connections for individuals left more isolated by the loss of the Key Bridge.

I am grateful to Governor Moore for his leadership in navigating this catastrophic event and for the opportunity to work alongside him to provide relief to those affected by the bridge collapse.

In all, my team within the Office of the Comptroller successfully issued nearly 39,000 payments totaling over \$55 million under the PORT Act to those workers and business owners directly impacted by the port closure. During my time in the General Assembly, I had the honor of representing many of the communities deeply impacted by this tragedy, including those who live and work near the Key Bridge site. I remain in awe of the grit and determination that have carried that community and our state forward over the last 12 months.

On behalf of my team in the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland, I pledge to continue to work with partners at every level in the months and years ahead to support our state's ongoing recovery and bolster our long-term economic well-being. Maryland is

resilient, and we will move forward together with a renewed strength, unity, and commitment to building a stronger, more equitable, and more prosperous state.

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