



News Release

Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman Issues a Statement on Additional Layoffs for the Department of Health and Human Services

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 2, 2025) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today released the following statement on additional layoffs by the Trump Administration impacting Maryland's economy:

"The Trump Administration's dismantling of the federal government hit home in Maryland this week, when it announced the firing of 10,000 federal employees within the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Marylanders are proud that many agencies within HHS are headquartered in Maryland, including the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, the Food and Drug Administration, the Health Resources Services Administration, the Indian Health Service, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The employees of these agencies engage in work that saves lives and ensures communities across the nation have the opportunity to grow and thrive. They handle everything from ensuring our food is safe and communicating outbreaks, to conducting cutting-edge medical research and providing low-income energy assistance. They work with our local health departments and support communities in every state.

The Trump Administration's continued firings of federal workers are an affront to their years of public service and dedication to our country. These employees – many of them Marylanders – contribute not only to our nation, but also to their communities and to our state. Firing these workers does not create efficiencies. Instead, it will result in a nation that is more at risk, less healthy, and less prepared to address our national and global public health needs. The Trump Administration's idea of efficiency is giving the American people a government that doesn't function or provide the core services and protections that citizens expect.

Maryland has long been proud of our partnership with the federal government, and thousands of HHS employees call Maryland home. Not only will these firings injure the nation and these workers, but Maryland will also face negative economic consequences and decreased revenues to provide services. I applaud the continued push by Maryland

Attorney General Anthony Brown against these unnecessary actions by President Trump and DOGE.”

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