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MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery College Colleagues

From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President

Subject: Governor O'Malley's Economic Trade Mission to India

Over the past eight months, Montgomery College has been engaged in building a partnership with higher education institutions in India. A College delegation traveled to New Delhi in March to lead a community college symposium, and we welcomed a team of Indian educators to our institution earlier this fall for a week of educational and cultural exchange.

I am pleased to announce that Montgomery College is poised to take the next step in furthering our partnership. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley has invited Dr. Sanjay Rai, vice president and provost of the Germantown Campus, and me to accompany him on his first trade mission to India, starting November 28. During our visit, we will sign a formal memorandum of understanding with O.P. Jindal Community College and Wadhwani Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to skills development and education. The MOU will open the door to revenue-enhancing opportunities for the College as we seek to enhance the professional development and curricula of India faculty.

Nearly 100 business and education leaders will accompany the governor on the trip. Among the elected officials who will be in attendance are Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, and Maryland Delegates Kumar Barve, Sam Arora, and Aruna Miller, who represent Montgomery County. Other higher education leaders include University of Maryland President Wallace Loh.

While the state has honored the College with its invitation, Montgomery College is responsible for covering expenses. I assure you that no operating funds will be used for this trip; we intend to pay for the costs from funds generated through Auxiliary Services and Workforce Development & Continuing Education.

I look forward to returning to India as part of our governor's effort to build a better Maryland. Working collaboratively, I am confident that our mission trip will enhance our state's economic development and enrich our community—within Montgomery County, the state of Maryland, and overseas.