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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The State Prosecutor, Robert A. Rohrbaugh, announced today that he will be continuing as State Prosecutor pending the appointment of a successor.

Mr. Rohrbaugh notified Governor O'Malley of his intention in a letter dated August 5, 2010 and a copy of Mr. Rohrbaugh's letter to Governor O'Malley is attached.

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Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: State Prosecutor

Dear Governor O'Malley:

In the past three and one half (3 ½) months since I notified you that I did not intend to seek another term as State Prosecutor, the Selection Commission has yet to be appointed as required by Criminal Procedure Article § 14-103. Clearly, the appointment process will not be completed by September 1, 2010 which is end of my term.

In order that the vital functions which this Office serves are not impeded by a vacancy of a State Prosecutor, I will not be leaving the position as of September 1, 2010. Instead, pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article § 14-102(c) (3), I shall continue to serve as the State Prosecutor beyond September 1, 2010 "until a successor is appointed and qualifies."

On a personal note, I am disappointed that it has taken so long to appoint a Selection Commission. When I sent my letter on April 19, 2010, I was confident that the four and one-half (4 ½) months would have been sufficient to complete the entire appointment process. Nevertheless, the Office cannot properly and legally function without a duly appointed State Prosecutor. It is important that this State have an independent prosecutor who is not an elected politician. Justice in any democracy can exist only when the people have confidence that decisions are made based upon facts and not perceived self-interest.

I hope that the process of selecting my successor is proceeding diligently and that my continued tenure beyond September 1, 2010 will be short.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Rohrbaugh".

Robert A. Rohrbaugh  
State Prosecutor