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County Executive

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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Office of the Governor
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

Dear Governor Hogan,

The purpose of this letter is to formally declare my support for a statue in honor of Harriet Ross Tubman to be displayed in the State capital. Harriet Tubman was far more than an abolitionist. She was a maverick; and the reverberation of her influence and sacrifice can still be felt today. She's an integral part of, not just African American history, but American history. Harriet Tubman is not just a historical figure, but a role model for leadership and participation in our democracy.

At the State House, there is a statue of Roger Taney, who authored the pro-slavery "Dred Scott" decision. A statue of Tubman, the embodiment of the antithesis of slavery, would help to serve as a balance to the controversial Taney statue. Tubman's statue would be a welcome start to honoring the legacy of her indomitable will and fighting spirit. I implore you to approve this initiative now.

Thank you for your leadership to honor the legacy of Harriet Ross Tubman. I will continue to assist you in this effort in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett
Montgomery County Executive

cc: The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr.
The Honorable Michael Busch
The Honorable Nancy King
The Honorable Shane Robinson