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PORT RECEIVES ANOTHER OUTSTANDING COAST GUARD SECURITY ASSESSMENT

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) has been informed that it has received another outstanding security assessment of the Port of Baltimore's six public marine terminals from the U.S. Coast Guard. Coast Guard Sector Baltimore conducts an annual and comprehensive security exam for all of the Port's public facilities. The MPA manages Baltimore's Dundalk, Seagirt, North Locust Point, South Locust Point (including the Cruise Maryland passenger terminal), Fairfield and Masonville marine terminals.

"Ever since our administration took office, it has been our goal to make the Port of Baltimore one of the most secure ports in the U.S.," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "Port security is a true team effort and I am very grateful for the leadership of the Coast Guard Sector Baltimore and that of our other federal and state partners who have worked together diligently in these last few years to significantly improve security at the Port of Baltimore."

This marks the third consecutive year for a superb Coast Guard review for the Port of Baltimore. The Port's public terminals have made considerable security progress in the last few years, including:

- Implementing real-time video surveillance;
- Becoming one of the first major U.S. ports to require the federally-mandated Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC);
- Installing a state-of-the-art cargo truck plaza that uses the latest security features;
- Enhanced perimeter fencing and radiation portal monitors that check all containers leaving the Port by truck for radioactivity.

News of the latest U.S. Coast Guard review comes as Governor O'Malley conducts the latest in a series of "Maryland Forward" forums. Today's forum on public safety and homeland security is underway at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis. The purpose of the "Maryland Forward" forum series is to develop strategies for the O'Malley-Brown Administration's second term, and generate concrete actions and recommendations that support the Administration's strategic goals.

The Port of Baltimore generates about 16,700 direct jobs. Out of about 360 U.S. ports, Baltimore is ranked number one for handling imported roll on/roll off (farm and construction equipment) and imported forest products, gypsum, sugar and iron ore. Baltimore is ranked second for exporting cars. The Port is responsible for about \$3.7 billion in personal wage and salary income. Activities at the Port of Baltimore generate nearly \$400 million in state and local taxes.

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