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AFSCME Statement on Governor Hogan Inaugural Address

Today, Governor Hogan said, "I am prepared to create an environment of trust and cooperation, where the best ideas rise to the top based upon their merit, regardless of which side of the political debate they come from".

State and university employees take the Governor at his word.

We met with members of Governor Hogan's transition team on Monday, before the inauguration. This is a positive development and the path forward to a positive relationship. The most recent Republican Governor, Bob Ehrlich refused to meet with state and university employees.

We shared with Governor Hogan's team several common-sense ideas to save state tax dollars, while still protecting the vital public services Maryland taxpayers want and need.

We hope that this is the beginning of a positive and mutually respectful relationship.

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