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### **Statement from Attorney General Frosh on Supreme Court Actions**

**Baltimore, MD (June 23, 2016)** -- Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh issued the following statement in regards to the U.S. Supreme Court's actions today:

"We are pleased that the Supreme Court recognized the importance of diversity in higher education and has affirmed the right of the University of Texas to educate a diverse student body. As Justice Kennedy noted in his ruling, 'it remains an enduring challenge to our nation's education system to reconcile the pursuit of diversity with the constitutional promise of equal treatment and dignity.' We are pleased that the Court reaffirms the importance of equal opportunity to quality education."

"We are, however, disappointed that the Supreme Court was unable to make a decision regarding President Obama's immigration guidance, a case that has such a profound impact on so many families. We echo President Obama's sentiment that today's deadlock is a stark reminder and part of the consequences of the refusal of Republican leaders to give Judge Merrick Garland a fair hearing. The Supreme Court must have a full bench. Republican leaders have a duty to the American people to do their jobs."