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Statement of Attorneys General Brian E. Frosh and Karl A. Racine on Today's Federal Court Arguments on Emoluments Lawsuit

BALTIMORE, MD (January 25, 2018) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh and D.C. Attorney General Karl A. Racine released the following statement on today's oral arguments in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland in *District of Columbia and State of Maryland v. Trump*. The arguments, on a motion by the defendant to dismiss the case, were the first hearing in [a lawsuit brought by the District and Maryland against President Trump](#) for violating the Emoluments Clauses of the Constitution.

"We are pleased with today's arguments. We came into today's hearing confident in our case; we leave even more confident. Our lawyers did a tremendous job of arguing that the District and Maryland have standing to sue President Trump for violating the Emoluments Clauses, our nation's original anti-corruption laws, when he takes payments from foreign and domestic governments and uses his office for personal gain. We look forward to the judge's ruling, and it's our hope to proceed with discovery and to litigate the merits of this case. Americans shouldn't have to question whether their president is making decisions in their best interest rather than his own. Americans deserve a president who serves the people, not his bottom line."