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To My Colleagues, Constituents and Friends,

Seasons are full of change. Reflecting on my life seasons, my community, commitments and my life work, I find myself focusing on tomorrow and what lies ahead. Reflections like accomplishments serve as markers of time. Reflections characterize the five (5) C's – connection between experience and knowledge, continuity of reflection, context of subject matter, challenging perspectives and coaching and mentorship. I have accomplished much during my work and I am confident the boxes are checked.

I have spent my life giving back to my community, the people of Baltimore County and the State of Maryland. Serving my community in local government, as a delegate and the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates has been my greatest honor. Together, we have invested in new libraries, parks and infrastructure in Baltimore County; expanded my alma mater, UMBC; passed new inclusion measures at the State level to make sure that everyone has a seat at the table, and expanded our investment in classrooms and new school buildings to record levels to ensure that any child, regardless of zip code, has access to the best education.

Acknowledging the changes in my life leaves me both pensive and hopeful. Committed to the continued work of community for the people of this great State of Maryland, I am stepping back as Speaker of the House effective immediately. I will remain as a delegate representing the best district in Maryland, District 10. Now is the time for me to step back and "raise high" the stars of my leadership team. I am turning my attention to coaching and mentoring and offering guidance and support to the next Speaker for a smooth transition. When elected Speaker, I never intended this to be forever. I wanted to help build the next generation of House leaders and prepare them for the challenges in front of us as a State. Now is that time – and I look forward to seeing this mighty House of Delegates continue to grow.

In honor and gratitude,

Adrienne A. Jones

Speaker