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Annapolis, MD – Today, Speaker of the House Adrienne A. Jones and Senate President Bill Ferguson announced that the Maryland General Assembly will not reconvene for a special session in May.

In March, the Presiding Officers created the Joint COVID-19 Legislative Workgroup, a bipartisan group of legislators that continues to meet each week to provide oversight and work with the Hogan Administration, federal officials, local, health professionals and business leaders on the COVID-19 response. The workgroup will continue their efforts to guide Maryland through the crisis and recovery.

“Legislators in every community in Maryland are working to help their constituents through this historic pandemic- and that’s where their focus should remain.” Said Speaker Adrienne A. Jones “After consulting with health experts, this is the best course of action at this time. We will get through this together - with every branch of government working as a team until we can safely return.”

“This decision to not meet in May was not taken lightly,” stated Senate President Bill Ferguson. “This is a matter of balancing the safety of staff, legislators and the public, while ensuring that Legislators can continue their daily focus on serving their constituents and public in battling this virus, and preparing for the Recovery effort.”

The Presiding Officers today also announced that they will continue to work with legislators and their respective leadership teams to continue to evaluate the need and timing for a future special session. Senate & House standing committees will continue to meet as needed.