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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 29, 2019

TO: The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

FROM: Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson

**GACEC** 

RE: Senate Bill No. 28 and 29 Increased Penalties for Unlawful Parking

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed <u>Senate Bill No. 29</u> which will increase monetary penalties and potential imprisonment penalties for unlawfully parking accessible parking spaces without proper authorization. Council <u>endorses</u> both Senate Bill No. 28 and Senate Bill No. 29. We hope that the increased penalties will deter individuals from parking in accessible spaces illegally. However, Council would like to make an observation. Increasing penalties can only be a deterrent if the law is enforced; therefore, Council would ask that the General Assembly consider ways to improve enforcement of the law in reference to illegal parking and also in reference to ensuring that adequate accessible parking is available.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our endorsement. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office should you have any questions.