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**Senator Allan Kittleman Announces "Good Government"
Legislative Agenda**

Annapolis – Senator Allan H. Kittleman (R-Howard, Carroll) today announced that he has introduced a series of "good government" bills that serve to limit the use of legislative perks.

"Legislators are offered tremendous benefits as elected officials," said Kittleman. "I believe by limiting these advantages, we act responsibly to create an equal playing field for potential challengers, while at the same time save money for the state."

Among Kittleman's legislative package are three bills that eradicate legislative perks. SB 99 will eliminate legislative scholarships. Currently, Senators are granted \$138,000 in scholarship money to distribute throughout their term. SB 100 will eliminate the process of selecting notaries. Kittleman refers to these perks as 'incumbent protection tools' as Senators are granted complete freedom in administering these affairs.

Kittleman is also proposing a bill that would eliminate the reimbursement of lodging for legislators who choose to stay in the state capital overnight but live within 50 miles of Annapolis.

"Many Marylanders drive more than 50 miles to work each day" noted Senator Kittleman. "When asking people to accept budget and benefit reductions, legislators need to demonstrate that we are willing to cut our benefits, as well."

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Legislators are allowed \$100 a night to stay in Annapolis during the 90 day session, thus the potential to save \$9,000 per legislator should this bill be enacted.

Additionally, Senator Kittleman is working on campaign finance reform legislation with other legislators and expects to release further bills requiring more legislative disclosure in the near future.

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