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## Election-Year Guide Helps Inform Policy Debates

The Maryland Public Policy Institute releases guide for legislators and voters

GERMANTOWN, MD, September 5, 2006—Maryland's revenue structure, its generous entitlement policies and a leadership deficit are all culprits in the state's budget deficit, according to a new election-year topics guide from The Maryland Public Policy Institute: *Maryland 2006–2007: A Guide to the Issues* (180 pp), edited by Alison Lake. The book, a voter primer and legislative guide, presents research on public education, regional transportation, health care, taxes and spending and public safety.

“Each of these policy issues requires and demands a well-informed debate among lawmakers who determine solutions that guide Maryland,” said Christopher B. Summers, president of The Maryland Public Policy Institute. “We hope that the Guide will advance discussion of those issues and inspire effective policy responses this election year and in the coming session of the General Assembly.” Chapters include:

- Reforming Health Care in Maryland by *Thomas A. Firey*
- Improving Education Choices for Maryland's Children by *Dan Lips*
- The Maryland State Budget: A Never-ending Deficit Story by *Karin Flynn, Ph.D. & Tori Gorman*
- Dollars to Classrooms or Dollars to Administration? by *Kirk A. Johnson, Ph.D.*
- Public/Private Partnerships for School Facilities in Maryland by *Ronald D. Utt, Ph.D.*
- Maryland Transportation: Problems and Solutions by *Peter Samuel*
- Crime and Public Safety in Maryland by *David Muhlhausen, Ph.D.*
- Rent-Seeking: Maryland's Corporate Welfare Problem by *Thomas A. Firey*

For excerpts or an electronic file, or to interview a chapter author, please contact Alison Lake at [alake@mdpolicy.org](mailto:alake@mdpolicy.org). The book is available for purchase at [www.mdpolicy.org](http://www.mdpolicy.org).

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