



## State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance

February 11, 2020

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh  
Chairman, Appropriations Committee  
Room 121 House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: HB 588 - State Police Retirement System and Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Member Contributions**

Dear Chair McIntosh:

Good afternoon Chair and members of the committee. I am Jimmy Dulay, a First Sergeant with the Maryland State Police, and the President of the State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) which is the exclusive representative for approximately 1,800 active law enforcement officers.

I am here to testify in support of HB 588. Currently, members of the State Police Retirement System continue to earn a pension benefit for credible service up to 28 years. Once this maximum benefit is achieved, additional years of service will not increase the pension percentage of the member. Similarly, members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System achieve a maximum percentage benefit up to 32 years and 6 months of service.

House Bill 588 would provide a benefit to a small portion of our membership you have chosen to have extended careers in law enforcement. We believe that it is fair to stop member contributions once maximum benefit accrual levels are reached.

I would like to thank the sponsor of this bill, and would ask the committee for favorable support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Dulay  
President

cc: Members, House Appropriations Committee