

**January 20, 2020**

Hon. Chairman Luke Clippinger  
6 Bladen Street, House Room 101  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Mr. Chair,

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention recently released a report entitled "First Report to the State of Maryland Under Chapters 619 and 658, 2016: Seizure and Forfeiture." Page 18 of that report provides two recommendations, which would be implemented in this bill, House Bill 69.

The first recommendation requires that seizing authorities update the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention promptly of any changes in the status of forfeiture cases. The purpose of this recommendation is to ensure more complete reports.

The second recommendation moves the release date of the individual and aggregate reports to the same date, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of this change is to allow for review and correction.

Thank you for the hearing for House Bill 69. I am happy to discuss any questions and I ask for a favorable report.

Delegate Robin Grammer