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January 21, 2019

Chair Luke Clippinger Room 101 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 69: Criminal Procedure - Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention - Reporting of Seizures and Forfeitures

POSITION: Letter of Information

Dear Chair Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is providing this letter of information for HB 69: Criminal Procedure - Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention - Reporting of Seizures and Forfeitures

Current Maryland law states that the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center ("MSAC") housed within the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention must publish MSAC's aggregate report on seizure and forfeiture activity in the State by March 1 of each year. This bill changes the requirement from March 1, to September 1.

The information collected for this report is contained within a dashboard, and a change in reporting date from March to September would not have a negative impact on the report. MSAC would be able to use the additional time to analyze the data to prepare the annual report.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.

Executive Director