

January 28, 2021

To: The Honorable William C. Smith Jr., Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Re: Letter of Support- Senate Bill 105- Peace Orders - Workplace Violence

Dear Chair Smith:

Please accept this letter in support of SB 105 cross-filed with HB 289 Peace Orders-Workplace Violence on behalf of the members of the Maryland Chapter of the International Association of Hospital Safety and Security.

As leaders in security dedicated to protecting the safety or our patients, staff and visitors, we unanimously and whole-heartedly support this legislation and see it as a means to support our staff who are subjected to incidents of workplace violence. Assaults, threats, and other forms of workplace violence are a serious problem in the healthcare industry. We view this legislation as an important tool to help protect our staff and our institutions from violence.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this very important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hagen President Maryland Chapter of IAHSS