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TESTIMONY

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SB 435 - PROPERTY TAX CREDIT - DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
AND RESCUE WORKERS - DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY

FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Guzzone and honorable members of the Senate Budget & Taxation
Committee:

On behalf of Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35 and our more than
1400 active and retired Montgomery County Law Enforcement Officers, I write in strong
support of SB435, and I ask for a favorable report.

This bill expands eligibility for the current local property tax credits for disabled law
enforcement officers, rescue workers, or surviving spouses or cohabitants, by lowering
the dwelling domicile timeframe from 10 years to 5 years, and expanding the eligibility to
include federal police officers, detectives, and investigators.

This bill addresses a specific challenge for disabled Montgomery County officers, as
well as other law enforcement, in that, in many cases, they are not able to supplement
their retirement incomes after retiring from their agencies, as most other retirees are.
This issue is particularly prominent in the State of Maryland, with its close proximity to
the United States Capitol and other federal agencies, since a large proportion of federal
law enforcement members live in our state, which has higher than national average
costs of living.

For these reasons, we thank Senator Klausmeier for sponsoring SB435, and we ask for
a favorable committee report.

Respectfully,

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