



State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance

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The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chairman, Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: SB 70 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - State Law Enforcement Officers
SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Guzzone:

State Law Enforcement Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) is the exclusive representative for approximately 1,800 active state law enforcement officers. We are writing in Support of Senate Bill 70.

Recruiting and retention continues to be a struggle for our state law enforcement agencies. In order to recruit and retain the most qualified law enforcement candidates, state law enforcement agencies must be competitive with their benefits package.

Senate Bill 70 would provide a potential benefit for our state law enforcement officers that is already extended to our law enforcement peers in the counties, municipalities, and the Maryland Transportation Authority Police.

Having our state law enforcement officers living in high crime areas serves as a deterrent to criminals, and makes the neighborhoods they reside in safer. I would like to thank the sponsor of this bill, and would ask the Committee for favorable support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Brian Gill
President

cc: Members, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee