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Senate Budget & Tax Committee
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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill SB 850 – State Personnel – Line-of-Duty Death Benefit and Funeral Expenses

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, & Members of the Budget & Tax Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 850. This bill adds the Judicial and Legislative Branch to the Maryland State Personnel and Pensions Code section where death benefits and funeral expenses are outlined for survivors of state employees. This bill also increases the amount of funeral expenses from \$10,000 to \$25,000 that may be provided for a line-of-duty death of certain public safety officers and indexes this amount to inflation.

Additionally, this bill increases the amount from \$100,000 to \$125,000 for a payment that would be given to a surviving spouse, child/children, or dependent parents of any employee in the State Personnel Management System, members of the Maryland National Guard serving under certain orders, and employees in any other authorized personnel system established for a Unit of State Government.

When a line-of-duty death occurs, it is a tragedy that impacts not only a community but our entire state. The surviving family should not be burdened by exorbitant funeral costs and should also be entitled to a reasonable death benefit amount. This bill helps take care of and support the surviving family of our public servants.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 850.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P.D. Corderman".

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