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Dear Chairman Smith, Vice-chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

On behalf of Governor Moore, I urge a favorable report on SB899 - Constitutional Officers – Public Disclosure of Personal Information. This legislation would allow the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, and State Treasurer's home address and personal phone number to be protected at their request. It also allows the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, and State Treasurer to seek damages from a person if they are injured because their personal information is not removed within 72 hours.

Due to the prominence of these statewide elected officials they receive security from the Executive Protection Unit. The Governor receives security around the clock while the Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, and State Treasurer only receive security while they are on state business. This opens the door for additional security risks as the Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller and State Treasurer go about their personal business.

In 2022, Maryland made history by electing the state's first Black Governor, the first woman of color to serve as Lieutenant Governor, the first woman Comptroller, and first Black Attorney General. The decisions that these statewide elected officials make can have profound impacts on Marylanders that can lead to threats against them or their family members. We must take the necessary steps to protect their personal information to ensure that threats from the public can be mitigated.

Sincerely,
Myles Hicks
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