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Senator William C Smith, Jr. Chair Judicial Proceedings Committee 2 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

REFERENCE: SB 521 - GARRETT COUNTY - SHERIFF'S SALARY - ALTERATION

Senator Smith and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County, I wish to offer our full support for SB 521 - Garrett County-Sheriff's Salary - Alteration.

Currently the Garrett County Sheriff is one of the lowest if not the lowest paid sheriff in the State.

The request to pay the Garrett County Sheriff eighty percent (80%) of the States Attorney salary is similar to what other counties in the state have done and will help ensure that qualified people are willing to serve as Sheriff.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

On behalf of the Board,

Paul C. Edwards Chairman

cc: Senator Mike McKay
Delegate Jim Hinebaugh
Sheriff Bryson Myers