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SENATE BILL 26: DAVIS MARTINEZ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SAFETY
AND HEALTH ACT

POSITION: FAVORABLE

**Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, & Members of the Appropriations
Committee**

Shore Progress expresses our strong support for Senate Bill 26, the Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act. This critical piece of legislation represents a significant step toward improving the safety of public employees across Maryland.

Our public employees play a crucial role in keeping our state moving forward - from law enforcement and fire departments to public health and education. These individuals often work in environments that are hazardous or unpredictable. By strengthening safety protocols and ensuring proper reporting and accountability systems, this legislation directly addresses the critical gaps that exist in current protections for public employees.

The tragic deaths of Davis Martinez and other public servants highlight the urgent need for these reforms. Their loss is a stark reminder of the inherent dangers public employees face daily, and their sacrifice should drive us to action. By passing SB 26, Maryland takes necessary step toward improving workplace safety.

We urge all members of this committee to support SB 26. Public employees deserve our utmost respect, and it is our responsibility to ensure they have the safe and healthy work environments they need to continue their important work without fear of harm. We ask you to pass this bill out of committee with a favorable report.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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