

March 20, 2025

The Honorable Senators of the Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Maryland Senate  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Letter of Support for House Bill 814

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the City of District Heights, I am writing to let you know that we support House Bill 814, and seek to support, fund, and expand the scope of services for Youth Service Bureaus. HB 814 provides reporting, support, and potential funding mechanisms for Youth Service Bureaus and, importantly, could defray the cost of providing mental health care services borne by jurisdictions that have affiliated Youth Service Bureaus.

District Heights' Youth Service Bureau services the entire south-central portion of Prince Georges County and currently sees approximately 80 clients. District Heights is approximately one square mile but funds approximately two-thirds of the Bureau's budget including therapists, staff development, facilities support, and outreach activities. Options that provide direct state funding and technical assistance to Youth Service Bureaus would greatly benefit the City, the Bureau, and increase both entities capacity to serve residents in need. District Heights supports bills that provide additional support to Youth Service Bureaus and strongly supports direct state funding of the same.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Miller  
Mayor

