

# **SB 504 HCC PD Jurisdiction Testimony.pdf**

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*Office of the President*

**Hagerstown Community College Police Force - Jurisdiction – Senate Bill 504**

**Judicial Proceedings Committee**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Testimony in Support of the Bill Submitted by  
Dr. James Klauber**

I write to ask you to pass this legislation to enable our police officers to have expanded jurisdiction in the event of emergencies on or near our teaching locations. The current statute was written when Hagerstown Community College was located at a single location on rural farmland outside of the greater population of the City of Hagerstown and Washington County. Today, the College has two local schools, a hospital, and a school of osteopathic medicine as neighbors. The College has another training location under construction in the City of Hagerstown set to open later this semester. The College also is a partner in the Washington County Police Academy and conducts training at the Washington County Public Safety Training Center. These three locations are spread across the County, and our HCC police officers are regularly at each location.

This legislation broadens the ability of HCC police officers to exercise their authority in the event they are pursuing a suspected offender, helping with traffic flow, or as ordered by the Governor. This bill does not circumvent or supercede existing state law. The College has entered into reciprocity agreements with Washington County Public Schools, Meritus Healthcare, and Washington County Sheriff's Office in the event there is an emergency at a school or hospital location and HCC Police can respond more quickly than the County is able. The City of Hagerstown is also considering such an agreement when the College moves into its new training site on Northern Avenue later this spring.

This legislation will allow all three entities, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hagerstown Police Department, and Hagerstown Community College to work more seamlessly together which will bring better safety to the residents of our area. The Sheriff of Washington County and the Hagerstown Police Chief both fully support this legislation and hope for its quick passage.

If I can provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

James S. Klauber, PhD  
President

# **SB 504 - HPD Testimony.pdf**

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January 31, 2025

Dear Chair William Smith:

I am sending this letter in support of SB504. With the expansion of Hagerstown Community College Campus in Washington County, this bill will clarify jurisdiction and cover the police officers of Hagerstown Community College.

With the proximity to Meritus Medical Center and numerous public schools around Hagerstown Community College, this expanded jurisdiction will create a force multiplier for The Hagerstown Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Office by authorizing HCC police officers to respond to emergency incidents in Washington County.

Please support this bill and vote yes.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Kifer



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# **SB 504 - Senator Corderman Testimony.pdf**

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 5, 2025

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Chair Will Smith  
Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 504 to you today. This bill would authorize Hagerstown Community College Police Officers to exercise powers granted to a peace and police officer within Washington County if (1) engaged in fresh pursuit of a suspected offender; (2) necessary to facilitate the orderly flow of traffic to and from property owned, leased, operated by, or under the control of Hagerstown Community College; or (3) ordered to do so by the Governor.

It is important to note that nothing in the bill may be construed to (1) supersede the authority or jurisdiction of the Washington County Sheriff's Office or any other law enforcement agency or (2) limit the authority or jurisdiction of the Hagerstown Community College Police Force authorized under provisions relating to the statewide jurisdiction of officers for controlled dangerous substance offenses. Expanding their authority will only assist local law enforcement agencies when back up is needed and will aid in keeping our community safe.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 504.

Sincerely,

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Paul D. Corderman  
District 2 – Washington & Frederick Counties

# **SB 504 - WCSO Testimony.pdf**

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**Washington County**  
**Sheriff's Office**

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January 30, 2025

Dear Chair William Smith,

I am sending this letter as support for SB504. With the expansion of Hagerstown Community College Campus in Washington County this bill will clarify jurisdiction and cover the police officers of Hagerstown Community College. With the proximity to Meritus Medical Center and numerous public schools around Hagerstown Community College this expanded jurisdiction will create a force multiplier for Washington County Sheriff's Office and Hagerstown Police Department by authorizing HCC police officers to respond to emergency incidents in Washington County. Please support this bill and vote yes.

Sincerely,

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Brian K. Albert, Sheriff



# **Support Letter HCC Police Force.SENATE.pdf**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  
WASHINGTON COUNTY DELEGATION

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Smith,

The Washington County Delegation voted unanimously in support of "SB0504 - HB0478 - Hagerstown Community College Police Force - Jurisdiction". We respectfully request your support of this bill.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by email at [William.Wivell@house.state.md.us](mailto:William.Wivell@house.state.md.us), or by phone at 410-841-3447.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Wivell".

William Wivell, Chair  
Washington County Delegation