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Delegate Kriselda Valderrama
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21041

**RE: Support – HB 878: Workers' Compensation – Heart Disease and Hypertension Presumption
and Permanent Partial Disability – Carroll County Correctional Deputies**

Dear Chair Valderrama and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

We write in support of House Bill 878.

Correctional deputies in Carroll County serve in a demanding environment that requires constant awareness and exposes them to significant occupational stress. Maryland law already provides presumptions for heart disease and hypertension for certain public safety professionals. HB 878 would extend that same recognition to correctional deputies serving in Carroll County.

These employees are responsible for maintaining the safety and security of our correctional facilities and play an important role in protecting the public. Providing appropriate workers' compensation protections reflects the realities of the work they perform each day.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report on HB 878.

Sincerely,


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