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Senator Pam Beidle, Chair
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Senate Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: Support – SB 449: Workers' Compensation – Heart Disease and Hypertension Presumption and Permanent Partial Disability – Carroll County Correctional Deputies

Dear Chair Beidle and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

We write in support of Senate Bill 449.

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. SB 449 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 SB 449.

Sincerely,


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