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Chair William C. Smith, Jr.  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Maryland Senate  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: Support for Senate Bill 298 – Maryland Capitol Police Statewide Jurisdiction

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

On behalf of the Maryland Natural Resources Police, I write to express our support for Senate Bill 298, which would grant statewide jurisdiction to the Maryland Capitol Police while establishing clear notification and coordination requirements with other state and local law enforcement agencies.

As a statewide law enforcement agency with broad jurisdictional responsibilities, the Natural Resources Police recognize the importance of clearly defined authority and structured interagency coordination. Senate Bill 298 reflects these principles by addressing operational needs while preserving communication and collaboration among Maryland's law enforcement partners.

We appreciate the bill's notification provisions, which promote transparency, professional courtesy, and situational awareness among law enforcement agencies. These requirements support effective information sharing and help reduce the risk of duplicative efforts or operational conflict when multiple agencies have overlapping public safety responsibilities.

From an operational perspective, the bill provides clarity regarding the Maryland Capitol Police's authority to protect state officials, employees, and facilities beyond traditional jurisdictional boundaries. At the same time, the requirement that this authority be exercised in accordance with established policies, procedures, and memoranda of understanding reinforces a collaborative approach to public safety and respects the distinct roles of Maryland's law enforcement agencies.

The Natural Resources Police have a history of working cooperatively with the Maryland Capitol Police and other state partners on matters of mutual concern. We view Senate Bill 298 as a framework that supports continued coordination and reinforces existing professional relationships rather than altering them.

For these reasons, the Maryland Natural Resources Police respectfully supports Senate Bill 298 and appreciates the Committee's consideration of this legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to contact our office if additional information would be helpful.

Respectfully,



Colonel Orlando D. Lilly

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Maryland Natural Resources Police

