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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1027
BEFORE THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Madam Chair Macintosh and members of the House Appropriations Committee, The American Legion Department of Maryland strongly believes House Bill 1027 is an equitable move on behalf for a significant portion of our State's law enforcement and for our correctional officers assigned to the State prison system.

These men and women put their lives on the line daily for us and when these person begin to consider retirement, passage of HB 1027 would provide an additional incentive for their consideration thus allowing new officers to enter the law enforcement sector.

Additionally, HB 1027 would create parity between certain state employees with their counterparts in Federal service who have enjoyed this benefit since the 1950's under Civil Service Pension Benefits which was later modified in 1984.

In closing, The American Legion with a Maryland membership over 48,000 active duty men and women, veterans who have served in all wars along with their families ask you to aid those who rely of us for our security daily by rendering a favorable report on House Bill 1027.

Yours, respectfully

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