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The Honorable William Smith, Chair and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

RE: SB 303 Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Definition

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

Current law authorizes a county or Baltimore City to grant a property tax credit to law enforcement personnel living and working in that jurisdiction. A Maryland State Trooper's jurisdiction crosses county borders as Troopers patrol and work around the state. The barrack that a Trooper works out of often changes over the course of their career. Regardless of where a Trooper may be working around the state they are also a significant part of the community in which they live.

SB303 has been introduced by Sen. Jack Bailey to authorize counties and Baltimore City to provide the property tax credit to active Maryland State Troopers living in that jurisdiction regardless of where in the state they may be working at that time.

Given the role that our Maryland State Troopers perform in the public safety of our counties and state we feel that this small change is warranted and justified.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association strongly supports SB303 and request a favorable report.

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