



State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance

February 20, 2020

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chairman
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 587 - State Police Retirement System and Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Member Contributions

Dear Chairman Guzzone:

Good afternoon Chairman and members of the committee. I am Jimmy Dulay, a First Sergeant with the Maryland State Police, and the President of the State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) which is the exclusive representative for approximately 1,800 active law enforcement officers.

I am here to testify in support of SB 587. Currently, members of the State Police Retirement System continue to earn a pension benefit for credible service up to 28 years. Once this maximum benefit is achieved, additional years of service will not increase the pension percentage of the member. Similarly, members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System achieve a maximum percentage benefit up to 32 years and 6 months of service.

Senate Bill 587 would provide a benefit to a small portion of our membership you have chosen to have extended careers in law enforcement. We believe that it is fair to stop member contributions once maximum benefit accrual levels are reached.

I would like to thank the sponsors of this bill, and would ask the committee for favorable support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Dulay
President

cc: Members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee