



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**BILL:** Senate Bill 481 - Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Vulnerable Adult

**SPONSOR:** Senators Lee, *et al.*

**HEARING DATE:** February 13, 2020

**COMMITTEE:** Judicial Proceedings

**CONTACT:** Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

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<b>POSITION:</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
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The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 481 - Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Vulnerable Adult**, which would add abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the first degree to the definitions of "crime of violence" under the Public Safety Article and the Criminal Law Article.

It is our responsibility as citizens of this state to ensure that the most vulnerable among us are protected. Current law does not recognize abusing or neglecting a vulnerable adult as the crime of violence that it clearly is. Passing this legislation will send a message to those who would prey on vulnerable adults that we will not stand for it. It also aligns with

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 481** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.