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Timothy J. Altomare
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The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Support House Bill 5 – Crimes – Hate Crimes – Use of an Item or a Symbol to Threaten or Intimidate

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for HB 5. Our agency is devoted to protecting our citizens from hate crimes. In fact, it is the policy of the Anne Arundel County Police Department to bring the investigative, operational, and support elements of our agency into quick action following any and all reported or observed incidents of racial, religious, ethnic, sexual orientation, disability, gender, gender identity or homelessness hated/bias. I believe the language in this bill is needed to strengthen Maryland's Hate Crime Law and will help us hold those responsible for threatening or intimidating our citizens by the use of inscribed items or symbols.

Thank you for considering my support of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Altomare", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Timothy J. Altomare
Chief of Police