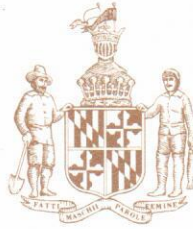


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HB 573- Harford County - Service of Process - Detention Center Employees

Dear Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary and Distinguished Members of House Judiciary Committee,

I am here today in strong support of HB 573- Harford County - Service of Process - Detention Center Employees. This bill is a simple change that will have a big impact on our Sheriff's Deputies in Harford County.

Currently, trained Correctional Deputies are already able to serve and process warrants on site at the Detention Center, however, when in court, only a Sheriff's Deputy is able to do so. This forces our county to pull much needed officers off their patrol to do this job. This is really illogical given that the trained Correctional Deputies are already present and also trained to do the very same job and do so daily inside the Detention Center just 5 minutes down the road. This simple bill corrects this problem.

HB 573 is crossed-filed as SB 138 with all three Senators from Harford County and is a Harford County Delegation bill. The Senate cross-file passed the Judicial Proceedings Committee and came to the floor where it is also passed and is waiting for cross-over day.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and I urge a favorable report.

Delegate Lauren Arikan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Arikan".