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Testimony SB 4 – Maryland Public Ethics Law – Retaliation for Reporting or Participating in Investigation – Prohibition Support

AFSCME Council 3 represents 30,000 State and Higher Education employees in Maryland. We support SB 4. This legislation prohibits an official or employee from retaliating against an individual who reports or participates in an investigation pertaining to a violation of Maryland Public Ethics Law. We believe that individuals who report violations of the Maryland Public Ethics Law deserve to be protected from retaliation and should be encouraged to come forward.

SB 4 is a good government Bill that we are proud to support wholeheartedly.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to provide a favorable report. Thank you.

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