



**TESTIMONY FOR SB0166
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POLICE OFFICERS – DUTY TO REPORT**

Bill Sponsor: Senator Sydnor

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0166 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

When it is discovered that a citizen knows about a crime that they don't report, they are charged as an accessory. Police Officers are not different from average citizens. They do not have the right to look the other way, particularly because they are in positions of power compared to average citizens. It is even more imperative that they report other officers who have committed crimes or gross abuses.

It is more than time that there were ramifications for remaining silent while citizens are victimized.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.