



State of Maryland
Office of the Attorney General

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TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr. Chair, Judicial Proceedings
Committee

FROM: Carrie J. Williams, Assistant Attorney General

RE: Attorney General's Support SB 440

The Attorney General urges the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on Senate Bill 440. Senate Bill 440 adds misconduct in office to the list of crimes for which the Attorney General's Office, the State Prosecutor, or any State's Attorney may seek a court order authorizing a wiretap.

Investigating officials and holding them to account when they commit misconduct is crucial to maintaining the public trust. Senate Bill 440 gives prosecutors a valuable tool to assist in those investigations. Intercepting communications can lead to important evidence and bring public officials who are committing misconduct to justice. The Attorney General urges the Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a favorable report for Senate Bill 440.

cc: Members of the Committee