



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman, and
Members of the Judiciary Committee

FROM: Chief David Morris, Co-Chair, MCPA, Joint Legislative Committee
Sheriff Darren Popkin, Co-Chair, MSA, Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: March 9, 2021

RE: **HB 1227 Public Safety – Task Force on Preventing and Countering Domestic
Terrorism**

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT HB 1227 WITH AMENDMENTS**. This bill establishes the Task Force on Preventing and Countering Domestic Terrorism to study and make recommendations regarding optimal policies and practices for preventing and countering domestic terrorism.

MCPA and MSA support the concepts in this bill. However, they would like to request an amendment to expand the membership to include a member of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and a member of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association. As introduced, the membership includes one member of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association or the Maryland Sheriffs' Association. The Chief leads the law enforcement agency in several larger counties and the municipalities within those jurisdictions. But, the elected Sheriff leads the law enforcement agencies in most smaller counties. Due to the differences among these larger and smaller jurisdictions, the Chief and Sheriff bring different perspectives to the table. Having both larger and smaller law enforcement agencies represented would ensure all aspects are adequately discussed.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT HB 1227 WITH AMENDMENTS**.