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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron

RE: HB 525 - St. Mary's County - Law Enforcement Hearing Board - Civilian Members

POSITION: SUPPORT

I requested Delegate Matt Morgan submit and sponsor a bill ("If authorized by a local Law") as required under the Law Enforcement Bill of Rights that enables the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office to include "up to two voting or nonvoting members" on a police hearing board. The civilian member(s) would first have to comply with the training requirement as specified by the Maryland Police Standards Commission before serving on the police hearing board.

It is my desire to include civilian members of the community who are trained in the matters of police procedures and the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights. I hope this will increase the confidence of the public in our disciplinary process. I would request the Committee's favorable report and support of Delegate Morgan HB 525.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy K. Cameron', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy K. Cameron
Sheriff
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