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Chair Maggie McIntosh
Appropriations Committee
Room 121
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1278 - Public Safety - Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program

POSITION: Informational

Dear Chair McIntosh and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (Office) is providing this letter of information for House Bill 1278: Public Safety - Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program.

This legislation establishes the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program to provide counties with grants to defray costs associated with establishing and supporting interjurisdictional policing agreements; and requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Program and establish certain requirements for the Program. For each fiscal year, the Governor must include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3.5 million to be used exclusively for grants from the program.

The Executive Director must (1) establish guidelines for counties to apply for and receive grants from the program and (2) make grants from the program. In a single grant period, two or more counties may apply for a grant from the program to (1) establish an interjurisdictional policing agreement; (2) support future law enforcement activity in accordance with the agreement; or (3) be reimbursed for law enforcement activity undertaken in accordance with an interjurisdictional policing agreement. A grant awarded pursuant to the bill (1) shall be commensurate with the population and geographic size of the counties applying for the grant and the scope of the interjurisdictional policing agreement and (2) may be spread across multiple fiscal years if the agreement spans multiple years. A county that receives a grant from the program shall annually submit a report to the executive director on the use of grant funds. The Executive Director shall then post the report to GOCPYVS's website.

The Office currently has ongoing efforts that support the establishment(s) of interjurisdictional policing agreements. This is done through the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN). This is a criminal justice strategy, coordinated at the local, state, and federal levels targeting gangs, drug, firearms and human trafficking. MCIN seeks to reduce violent crime by facilitating the formation of information

technology-enabled partnerships that lead to the improved investigation and prosecution of violent criminals and their networks. The Governor's FY 2022 appropriation for the MCIN was \$7,005,535 and for FY 23 is \$7,055,040. If enacted, the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program would create duplicative efforts geared towards providing counties with law enforcement grant dollars for interjurisdictional policing coordination.

Please feel free to reach out to contact Cameron Edsall, Legislative Affairs Manager at Cameron.Edsall2@maryland.gov for further information as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yesim Karaman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Y".

Yesim K. Karaman

Chief of Staff

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services