



February 4, 2022

TO: Budget and Taxation Committee

SUBJECT: SB132 – Property Tax Credit for Public Safety Officers

POSITION: **Support**

As Deputy Warden of the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and President of the Maryland Correctional Administrator's Association (MCAA), an organization comprised of our statewide jail wardens and administrators for the promotion and improvements for best correctional practices, please accept this written testimony in support of SB 132.

Recruitment of qualified correctional officers, law enforcement officers or a fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel is challenging to say the least. Corrections is one of the toughest beats in America and by offering the property tax credit for public safety officers this is an added benefit for recruitment and retainment of officers. This is a small measure to give appreciation to those who have dedicated their lives to public service an often-thankless job.

MCAA respectfully requests the Committee to vote **FAVORABLE** on House Bill 132.

Best Regards,

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