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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair House Environment and Transportation Committee Committee Room 251 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SUPPORT – HB728 – Carroll County – Prospective Employees and Volunteers – Criminal History Records Check

Dear Chair Barve and Members of the Committee,

We write in support of HB728 – Carroll County – Prospective Employees and Volunteers – Criminal History Records Check, sponsored by the Carroll County Delegation on our behalf. The bill expands the county's authority to conduct criminal history background checks from a prescribed number of employee categories to any prospective employee and adds that authorization for volunteers. The language is drawn directly from current law in several counties. Ten counties are currently authorized to conduct these checks for prospective employees and, of those ten, seven are authorized to conduct them for volunteers. We believe this change will better assist us to ensure the safety and security of county operations and the general public.

We respectfully request a FAVORABLE report on HB728.

Sincerely,

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