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The Honorable Will Smith, Chair and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

RE: SB 652 Criminal Law – Murder of a Police Officer (Officer Keona Holley Public Safety Act)

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of over 2,500 members of which more than 1,000 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

The MTA supports SB 652 which prohibits a person from committing or attempting to commit murder in the first or second degree of a police officer. We also support that a person convicted and sentenced under the provisions of this bill would be ineligible for parole.

The murder of Officer Keona Holley was a tragic and malicious act. We stand with our fellow Maryland law enforcement officers and feel this legislation is warranted and justified to protect our own. Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association supports SB 652 and requests a favorable report.

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