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Testimony of Delegate Darryl Barnes
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SB 106 - Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence Prevention and Community Service

Good afternoon Chairman Smith and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee. SB 106 as drafted will require the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and \$500,000 to the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office for each to provide grants to nonprofit organizations to fund violence prevention and community service initiatives. The funds must be used solely to supplement, and not supplant, funds otherwise available for community service organizations in Baltimore City and Prince George's County. In addition, the bill establishes duties and requirements for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, and nonprofit organizations that apply for and receive grants pursuant to the bill.

The bill as amended, will include non-profits whose mission include teaching financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workforce development. By partnering with nonprofits, we will help youth, young adults, and those with barriers to employment reach their full potential through early employment experience and professional development by providing the tools and skills needed to prepare individuals for jobs and knowledge to create their own sources of income. By doing so, we begin to help to build a stronger pipeline of diverse talent, fuel local economic growth and contribute to the success of our community and our state.

For this reason, I ask your **Favorable** report on SB 106.

Respectfully yours,

Darryl Barnes

Delegate Darryl Barnes, Chairman
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