

Wells, Inc.

March 6, 2023

Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone:

Wells, Inc. would like to express our strong support for Senate Bill 874, which would establish Community Safety Works as an ongoing program within the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Established as a budget initiative within the Department, Community Safety Works has already provided valuable assistance to nonprofit organizations, businesses and local governments through targeted investments in crime prevention that impact community safety.

Wells is a non-profit community based organization located in the heart of East Baltimore. We strive to bring 'neighborhoods' and not 'hoods' back to our communities. Grants that we have received in the past have helped our communities become brighter (additional lights), greener (additional planters, gardens and parks) and safer (residents working together to completed community projects).

We have definitely benefited from the programs and grants that the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development offer. This is to request a favorable report on SB874 to continue this valuable program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



P.M. Smith, President