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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

Maryland Science Center 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.

Previous funding awarded to the Maryland Science Center through the Community Safety Works program allowed us to purchase and install much needed security cameras for the outdoor perimeter of our building. Unfortunately, due to the Science Center's location in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the need to deter crime is a pressing issue and these cameras benefit Science Center guests, staff, and the local community, who often pass MSC on their way to the Harbor promenade. In the future, MSC would be grateful for the opportunity to apply for additional funding from this program so we may continue our efforts to increase safety and security for both our institution and the local community.

Again, this is to request a favorable report on SB874 to continue this valuable program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Potter".

Mark J. Potter
President & CEO