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To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Agudath Israel of Greenspring, Inc.
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Subject: Senate Bill 874 - Community Health and Safety Works
Grant Program and Fund

Date: March 6, 2023

position: Support

The Agudath Israel of Greenspring ("AIG") supports Senate Bill 874 providing for the establishment of a Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program and Fund ("SB 874").

AIG is a synagogue of approximately 100 members located in the Cheswolde area of Baltimore City. AIG fronts on Greenspring Ave., which is the main thoroughfare into Cheswolde and connects this area of the City to Interstate 83 to the South and Interstate 695 to the North. A significant amount of traffic passes the synagogue every day. Other synagogues and houses of worship occupy main and neighborhood access roads throughout the City and the State.

The Benefits of HB 874

SB 874 will provide funding to improve the looks of these properties thereby enhancing the areas and providing a more aesthetically pleasing experience for the members of these communities and those passing through them.

SB 874 also provides funding for the placement of cameras, lighting, and

other equipment to assist in better securing these areas. Once again, as these facilities are located on main road and neighborhood access routes they are uniquely situated to host these security enhancements to better protect the affected neighborhoods and assist law enforcement in the event of criminal or unlawful activity.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the AIG support SB 874 and respectfully urges an favorable committee report. For further information and for any questions, please contact Zvi Guttman, at President@AIGreenspring.com.