



THE HAVRE DE GRACE COLORED SCHOOL
MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER, INC.



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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:

The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural 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.

The security support provided by the Department, Community Safety Works was instrumental in assisting our organization provide security measures needed to protect our 111-year-old historic schoolhouse. Security of important landmarks, such as ours, are critical to ensuring these historic places will be around for future generations. Equally as important is the protection of those who work and visit these landmarks. Therefore, we strongly endorse this important piece of legislation.

Again, this is to request a favorable report on SB874 to continue this valuable program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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