



# ARCHBISHOP CURLEY

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Office of the  
President

March 6, 2023

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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

On behalf of Archbishop Curley High School I would like to express 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 that impact community safety.

Archbishop Curley High School has been in the Belair-Edison community of East Baltimore since it opened in 1961. Needless to say, much has changed in Baltimore City over those decades, and remaining a vital institution, serving the local as well as the greater metropolitan community, has had its challenges. We commend our local leaders for all they are doing to keep East Baltimore as secure as possible, but we have also had to make considerable investments to assure our current school community, as well as prospective students and their families, that they will be safe while attending Curley. Last year we received a \$23,000 grant through this program to further our door replacement program at the school. With new exterior and interior doors, the school has a level of security which could be considered lacking without these upgrades. While the whole project costs hundreds of thousands of dollars, this grant was one that helped us complete the project. With new doors the community feels safer, and they are safer.

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

Sincerely,

Fr. Donald Grzyski, OFM Conv.  
President