



Historic East Baltimore  
Community Action Coalition, Inc.

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March 6, 2023

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

RE: *Letter of Support for Senate Bill 874*

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition, Inc. (HEBCAC) 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.

As a non-profit that works to improve the value and livability of neighborhoods in the East Baltimore area, we rely on funding from programs such as Community Safety Works to carry out our mission. In recent years, funding from the Community Safety Works program has allowed us to install cameras inside and outside of our 1212 N Wolfe St building, which houses seven programs and two mental health therapists' offices. We were also able to remove a fence to create better site lines and more parking spaces. We improved the pathway to the entrance of the courtyard and AGS, a behavior health provider in our building. In summary, funding from the Community Safety Works program has been critical to improving safety for our participants and staff, allowing us to continue our mission to improve the quality of life for residents in East Baltimore.

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 that reads "Jenny Hope".

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