

Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation

Transforming Environments and Minds “T.E.A.M.”

March 6, 2023

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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Coldstream Homestead Montebello Community Corporation 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.

CHMCC was recently awarded funding through Community Safety Works that we will use to install doorbell cameras in high-crime areas of the Coldstream Homestead Montebello community. We’re partnering with the Baltimore City Police Department to place the cameras and work with homeowners to ensure that information collected by the cameras is shared with the police. Our community is excited about the new initiative and its potential to fight crime on blocks where there are few or no security cameras currently capturing incidents. Community Safety Works is a unique program that is allowing communities like Coldstream Homestead Montebello to envision safety improvements that will work best for our residents and help us fight crime. It is so important that the state continue to help communities and nonprofit organizations create safer communities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-235-6715 or chmc.corp@gmail.com

Sincerely,



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