

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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The C.A.R.E. Community Association, Inc. 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 C.A.R.E. Community has experienced an uptick in crime from 2021 to 2022. The increase is mostly driven by property crimes which tend to be low on the totem pole for Baltimore City, However, residents are and can be traumatized by all acts /types of crimes and a sense of stability/safety under minded. The funding we have received from Community Safety Works initiative will be used to help restore a sense of general safety in our community. As Baltimore City prioritizes, as it should, solving and reducing gun violence and murders, programs like this helps to establish a mechanism for victims of all crimes to feel supported and work to prevent lower level crimes from taking hold in neighborhoods

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

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