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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 Town of Delmar 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 Town of Delmar is very appreciative to have been chosen as a recipients of 2023 CSW Grant funding. Funding that will assist the Town in its purchase of security camera system for install at one of our municipal parks. Delmar deems its parks and recreational facilities to not only be activity centers, but facilities that serve as neighborhood focal points which provide safe, vibrant and attractive places for community gatherings, business sponsored youth activities and school outings. While Delmar has a low crime rate overall, there has been a recent uptick in reported concession stand break-in's, restroom vandalism and youth violence at the park. Installation of the security cameras at strategic locations throughout the park along with increased patrol presence will assist the Delmar Police to provide a more secure and safe environment. A safe community serves to support and promote future growth and expansion of the Town.

This project would not be possible without the assistance provided by the CWS Grant award. Again, this is to request a favorable report on SB874 to continue this valuable program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

W. Hardin

William Hardin
Community Development Coordinator

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