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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:

Homes for America, 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.

Homes for America has seen a significant increase in crime and reduction in safety across our Maryland portfolio. Many of our communities who have never experienced safety issues are now victims of widespread community crime and violence, including our senior communities. These funds are integral to helping to combat the violence and crime that plague our communities and our neighbors by providing needed security services, security equipment and various strategies to curb and reduce violence.

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

Sincerely,

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Vice President of Service Enhanced Housing

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