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March 3, 2023

Honorable Guy Guzzone

Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone:

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc. (RIA) 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.

RIA is using our current grant to support the continued safety of our local businesses by installing cameras and lighting through mini-grants. This will help law enforcement along with property and business owners to feel safe both within and outside of their property. RIA partners with our local police precinct to make our Main Street inviting and safe to the community and visitors.

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

Sincerely,

Charlie Hoppa

President



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