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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Cresaptown United Methodist Church 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.

Through the program we were able to add exterior security cameras and improve a pedestrian crosswalk at our church. We would not have been able to consider these security and safety improvements without this grant assistance. Hopefully, if this program is continued, it can benefit other organizations like ours.

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

Sincerely,

W. Stephen Young
Finance Chair