

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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

New Waverly 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.

[The Waverly area bordering along Greenmount Ave and Old York Road continues to experience issues with drug activity, gangs and assaults. Our youth do not have enough places available for activities and fellowship. The CSW grant will enable us to continue to upgrade the building to enable use of the fellowship hall, kitchen, meeting room areas and class rooms to provide safe space for programs for all residents in the community. This first grant has enabled us to provide space for a six-week summer camp for kids. We would like to continue renovations to our kitchen and fellowship hall in order to expand the soup kitchen and provide food pantry service. We also want to provide health fairs which enable residents to receive free diabetes and blood pressure screenings, vaccinations, mental health resources, CPR and Narcan training.]

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

Sincerely,

Deborah Daniel
Church Administrator