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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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TESTIMONY – SENATE BILL 833
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY VIOLENCE INTERRUPTER
SUPPORT PROGRAM FUND
BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE
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Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 833 is a very straightforward bill that simply requires the Governor to appropriate \$1,000,000 in fiscal years 2025 through 2028 for the Prince George's County Violence Interrupter Support Program Fund.

This is a simple piece of legislation that helps to ensure the success of this important effort. Through the Prince George's County Violence Interrupter Support Program, the county is taking a proactive approach to stop violent crime before it occurs. This funding will prove an invaluable asset in engaging numerous innovative and essential techniques in an effort to reduce incidents of violence in Prince George's County. These dedicated funds will clearly create a positive overall impact and measurable social benefits for the county and state as a whole.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 833.