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**Senate Bill 69 – Public Safety – Law Enforcement Agencies – Positive Community Feedback**

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to introduce Senate Bill 69 – Public Safety – Law Enforcement Agencies – Positive Community Feedback. Senate Bill 69 would require law enforcement agencies to maintain a record of positive community feedback for all law enforcement officers within the agency. This directs the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a uniform process to collect this feedback from members of the public. These records would be subject to public inspection in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act.

Over the past two years, this Committee has devoted a significant amount of time and effort on making changes to Maryland law so that the public could be more informed about the record of police officers. I believe that this bill is consistent with those efforts. This bill contains provisions which would create a simple, accessible, and uniform process that can be implemented by all law enforcement agencies in the State. While it is possible for law enforcement agencies to implement such a process on their own, this bill ensures that all law enforcement agencies in Maryland have this information on file and ready if requested. A uniform standard would make it easier for these agencies to implement this initiative and create a fair process.

Allowing positive reports and information about an officer to be collected, released, and reviewed would provide a clearer look at an officer's whole reputation. In law enforcement, an officer's future depends on their reputation and character. This bill would help to provide a total picture of the officer's work by allowing easy access to all records, positive and negative. These are our first responders, the men and women who protect our families and our communities. Assuring our law enforcement officers that their full record would be available if their reputation is questioned or challenged will be beneficial to recruitment, retention, and the future of policing in our communities and State.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill 581 from 2022 as it passed the Senate 46-0. I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 69. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Jack Bailey

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January 13, 2023

The Honorable Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB0069 – Public Safety - Law Enforcement Agencies - Positive Community Feedback

Senator Smith:

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes to **SUPPORT SB0069**. We find it is as important for the public be able to voice their praise for a job well done as it is to express concerns; and afford the public access to those records to enhance transparency and civil discussions on different perspectives.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2202 or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Mike Hart, Vice President

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cc: The Honorable Senator Jack Bailey