



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William Smith, Jr., Chair and
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Natasha Mehu, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: March 14, 2023

RE: **SB 754 – Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup**

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT SB 754 WITH AMENDMENTS. This bill establishes a Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup to study the effectiveness of these laws and various aspects of using this technology.

The workgroup includes a number of members from the state sphere but no representation from law enforcement agencies. MCPA and MSA, support the desire to improve the use of this technology and strongly urge the Committee to amend the bill to include one representative from each organization.

Proposed Amendment

On page 1, in line 20, strike “and” insert the following:

(8) ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION;

(9) ONE MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION; AND

On page 2, in line 1, strike “(8)” and insert “(10).”

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT SB 754** and urge a **FAVORABLE REPORT AS AMENDED.**