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The Honorable Will Smith, Chair and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

**RE: SB 780 - Law Enforcement - Police Officer Employee Assistance Programs - Confidentiality**

**POSITION:            SUPPORT**

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

We support Senate Bill 780 which states that a custodian should deny inspection for the portion of a public record that contains information relating to a participant in a service provided by an employee assistance program.

Maryland State Troopers, and all police officers, devote their lives to keep Marylanders safe. With that responsibility, comes great stress and oftentimes, mental fatigue. Officers deserve confidentiality in reference to these matters. We believe that Senate Bill 780 offers that discretion.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association supports SB 780 and requests a favorable report.

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