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

RE: Favorable - SB 409- Police Accountability Boards and Administrative Charging Committees - Municipal Corporations

Chairman Smith and the honorable members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

The Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace (“the City) supports SB 409. If passed, the bill would enable municipalities to establish police accountability boards to receive complaints of police misconduct from the public. Under the current statute created by Chapter 59 of the *2021 Laws of Maryland*, only a county government can create a police accountability board, and as such municipal police officers are subject to them.

The City respectfully requests the committee give SB 409 a favorable report.