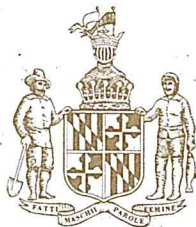


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***PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY VIOLENCE INTERRUPTER
SUPPORT PROGRAM FUND***

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

MARCH 30, 2023

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 833 is a very straightforward bill that simply provides that the Governor may 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.