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TO: The Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

FROM: Erin C. Murphy, Esq., Director of Government Affairs, Baltimore Police Dept.

RE: Baltimore City-Assault of Special Enforcement Officers- Penalties Criminal Law

DATE: February 24, 2023

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Moon, and members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore Police Department **supports** House Bill 613.

House Bill 613 expands Section 3-203 of the Criminal Law Article of the Annotated Code to include penalties for those who intentionally cause physical injury to special parking enforcement officers and special traffic enforcement officers which are authorized by Baltimore City under Section 16-16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City. In addition, it increases the penalties for such a violation to subject a defendant to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5000, or both.

Overall, the Baltimore Police Department believes this bill would greatly assist in the prevention of crimes against these special enforcement officers and contribute to our ability to provide for the public safety. Therefore, the Baltimore Police Department respectfully requests a **favorable** report on House Bill 613.