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Statement of Request

I have lived in Maryland my entire life and honorably served this State for 30 years.

Those who serve out of State, both at the federal and local levels, are eligible to buy back their service. However, under current law, I am not allowed to buy back my time with the Salisbury Police Department due to what is considered a “break in service” with the Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office.

I should not be disadvantaged because I chose to serve within the State, to serve my home. My only desire is to be treated fairly and to be eligible to buy my time back.

Timeline of Events:

- 2005 Hired by MSP

- 2012 Initiated Request to Purchase Previous Service, a service verified by Human Resources. After I initiated request, I was advised I was ineligible to buy back due to a break in service.

- 2015 Reinitiated contact regarding buy back. On November 9, 2015, I was advised that had my service been federal or out-of-state, I would have been eligible for purchase. However, because my service was in State, I did not qualify.

- 2016 On May 18, 2016, I was advised by MTA attorney Rebecca Smith that the Board’s policy is 30 days break in service but that the Board historically allows a buy back if applied for within the year.

- 2022 Per MTA Attorney Rebecca Smith, Comptroller Franchot indicated that he was sympathetic to the situation but there was nothing he/SRPS could do based on the current law and that it would require legislation.

Years of Service:

- 6/25/1994 – 2/13/2003 Salisbury Police Department

- 2003 – 2004 Wicomico County Sheriff’s Office (break in service)

- 2005 – present Maryland State Police

Awards:

As a Maryland State Trooper

- 2023 Awarded Superintendent's Citation & 2022 NCO of the Year
- 2017 CED Lower Shore – Unit Citation
- 2015 Promotion to Corporal
- 2014 Nominated Trooper of the Year, CED-SCNTF, LT Daugherty
- 2007 Nominated for the 2006 Medal of Honor Award through the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, & 2006 Trooper of the Year through the International Association of Chiefs of Police
- 2006 Certificate of Appreciation – Outstanding performance over a sustained period, contributing to Salisbury Barrack being First in the State – CDS arrests and DWIs, 2nd in State on gun seizures, 5th in State on warrant arrests.

With the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office

- 2004 Recruited as FTO and served as Detective in CID

With the Salisbury Police Department

- March 2000-August 2001 Warrant/Fugitive Unit Citation 445 warrants served
- 1998 Honorable Service Award
- 1994 Honorable Service Award

Note: Evaluations are consistently graded as “exceeds expectations.”