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The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 188 – Arbitration Reform for State Employees Act of 2024 - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Guzzone:

The State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) is the exclusive representative for 1,757 active state law enforcement officers. We are writing in support of Senate Bill 188.

Senate Bill 188 is seeking to modify the current collective bargaining process for State employees. The current collective bargaining process that is used by the State is both unfair and unproductive. Binding Interest arbitration does not guarantee the employees will receive raises, rather it ensures the reasonableness and fairness of the collective bargaining process. Binding Interest arbitration would help make the process fair for both SLEOLA and the State.

This is an important proposal for each of the members of SLEOLA, and we ask for a favorable report of SB 188.

Sincerely,

Brian Gill
President

cc: Members, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee