



City of Bowie

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January 23, 2024

Education, Energy, and Environment Committee
Maryland State Senate
c/o Senator Brian J. Feldman
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 0127 - Firearm Detection Platforms in Schools

Dear Senator Feldman,

I am writing on behalf of the City Council of the City of Bowie to express our strong support for Senate Bill 0127, which seeks to require the Maryland Center for School Safety, in collaboration with public safety and educational institutions, to conduct an evaluation of firearm detection platforms. Additionally, the bill authorizes funds from the Safe Schools Fund to be used to assist local school systems in the procurement and maintenance of firearm detection platforms.

The safety and well-being of our students and educators are paramount concerns for our community. Senate Bill 0127 represents a proactive and innovative approach to enhancing school safety by exploring and implementing advanced technologies designed to detect firearms within educational environments.

We commend the Maryland Center for School Safety for taking the initiative to evaluate firearm detection platforms in collaboration with public safety and educational institutions. The proposed use of funds from the Safe Schools Fund to support local school systems in acquiring and maintaining such platforms demonstrates a commitment to providing our schools with the resources needed to create a secure learning environment.

As representatives of the City of Bowie, we believe that Senate Bill 0127 aligns with our commitment to ensuring the safety of our students and educators. The integration of firearm detection platforms has the potential to be a valuable tool in preventing and responding to potential threats, thereby contributing to a safer and more secure educational setting.

We urge the members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee to support Senate Bill 0127 and work towards its passage. By supporting this legislation, we collectively prioritize the safety of our schools and the well-being of the young minds that are the future of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we appreciate your ongoing efforts to address issues that impact the safety and security of our educational institutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy J. Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bowie City Council
Timothy J. Adams
Mayor