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**TESTIMONY ON HB#0578 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**  
**Sheriff of Frederick County - Salary - Workgroup**

**TO:** Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

**My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0578, Sheriff of Frederick County - Salary - Workgroup**

I believe that the Senators representing Frederick County have found a workable solution to determining, based on specific salary data, the proper amount of compensation for our sheriff in Frederick County and perhaps elsewhere in Maryland. This separates the person currently in the office and under criminal indictment from the office he holds. It makes the decision on the proper salary amount based on studying what the office should have as a salary regardless of who occupies that office. It will permit Frederick County, in the future, to pay the sheriff a fair and just amount based both on the work performed and the value assigned in other jurisdictions and in other law enforcement positions.

The date chosen for the reporting of the study results will permit a bill to be drafted and submitted in the General Assembly session 2026 before the next election for sheriff.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0578.**