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The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Senator  
Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 809 Entitled “Dorchester County-County Applicants-Polygraph Examination”**

Dear Senator Beidle, Chair and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully offer its support for Senate Bill 809 Entitled “Dorchester County-County Applicants-Polygraph Examination,” which will exempt applicants for employment as a paramedic or an emergency medical technician with Dorchester County, as a 9-1-1 Communications Specialist at the Dorchester County 9-1-1 Center, or as a correctional officer of the Dorchester County Department of Corrections from the prohibition on employers requiring or demanding that an individual submit to or take a polygraph examination as a condition of prospective employment.

Due to the fact that Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians and Correctional Officers are privy to sensitive legal information relative to law enforcement and 9-1-1 Communications Specialist deal with highly sensitive legal information relative to law enforcement, the County Council feels strongly that polygraphs should be required as a condition of employment for these positions. Other local jurisdictions, including St. Mary’s County, have sought legislative relief for this same purpose. Therefore, we ask that you look favorably upon Senate Bill 809.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. Please contact the Council’s Office at (410) 228-1700 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL**

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The Honorable Johnny Mautz, Senator  
The Honorable Thomas S. Hutchinson, Delegate  
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