

City of Bowie

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February 2, 2024

Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland State Senate
c/o Senator William C. Smith, Jr.
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 0073 - Reporting on Juvenile Firearm Offenses

Dear Senator Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the City Council of the City of Bowie to express our strong support for Senate Bill 0073, which aims to require the Department of Juvenile Services to report to the General Assembly annually on the number of assessments completed during the intake process involving children who commit firearm offenses.

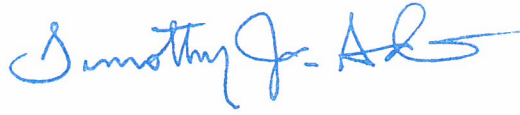
Ensuring the safety of our community, particularly when it comes to offenses involving firearms, is of utmost importance to the City of Bowie. We believe that Senate Bill 0073 will contribute significantly to enhancing transparency and accountability in the handling of juvenile firearm offenses.

By mandating the Department of Juvenile Services to provide comprehensive reports to the General Assembly, this legislation will empower policymakers with the necessary information to assess the effectiveness of current procedures and identify potential areas for improvement. Such data-driven insights are crucial in developing evidence-based policies that address the unique challenges associated with juvenile firearm offenses.

We appreciate the dedication of the Judicial Proceedings Committee to promoting public safety and fostering a fair and just juvenile justice system. The reporting requirements outlined in Senate Bill 0073 align with our commitment to creating a secure environment for our residents, and we believe this measure will contribute to the overall well-being of our community.

As elected representatives of the City of Bowie, we urge you to support Senate Bill 0073 and work towards its passage. We are confident that this legislation will serve as a positive step towards a safer and more informed juvenile justice system.

Sincerely,

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Bowie City Council
Timothy J. Adams
Mayor