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February 8, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
The Honorable Jeff Waldstreicher
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0470 – Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Workforce (GAPS) Act
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously support SB 0470 - Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Workforce (GAPS) Act. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled for February 9, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is altering the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program in the Maryland Department of Labor to be the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program; expanding the purpose and scope of the Program to promote careers with certain public safety agencies; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop certain mental health wellness policies to be implemented in certain law enforcement agencies; establishing the Workgroup on Growing Engagement in the Law Enforcement Workforce; etc..

Cecil County strongly supports this, and any bill, that creates programs that offers assistance to help us both promote careers and ensure the mental health wellness in our public safety agencies.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Judicial Proceedings Committee send a favorable report on SB 0470.

Sincerely,

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County Executive

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Jackie Gregory
President of County Council