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February 8, 2024

The Honorable William Smith  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

The Anne Arundel County Senators met and voted on January 26, 2024, to support Anne Arundel County - Sheriff – Salary.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn D. Gile".

Dawn D. Gile  
Chair, Anne Arundel County Senate  
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**Testimony in Support of SB0658 - Anne Arundel County - Sheriff - Salary**

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

SB0658 would require Anne Arundel County to set the salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County equal to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 in the pay scale.

**Background**

Under existing law, the Sheriff's salary is set at a static level that has not changed since 2015. The current salary level is long outdated and is lower than other members of the Sheriff's team.

**Solution**

Starting in 2027, SB0658 would:

- Provide a salary increase for the first time in twelve years; and,
- Set the salary moving forward to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 in the pay scale, removing the need for future legislative action to increase the Sheriff's salary.

Please note that the salary adjustment would not effectively change until after the 2026 election, despite what Section 1 of the bill says. Per the Fiscal Note, SB0658 would not have a state fiscal impact. In addition to this testimony, members will find a letter attached from the Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation affirming its support for this bill.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB0658 on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Senators.