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The Honorable Ben Barnes
Chair, Appropriations Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: House Bill 1080-Local Personnel-Leave with Pay-Favorable

Dear Chairman Barnes and members of the Appropriations Committee,

The Harford County Deputy Sheriff's Union supports House Bill 1080. We represent over 300 sworn deputies of the Harford County Sheriff's Office who serve each day to keep citizens safe in Harford County and Maryland.

House Bill is enabling and will provide local governments with the ability to grant paid leave under certain circumstances for disaster service and other related services as permitted by the local government.

We respectfully request the Committee issue a **FAVORABLE** report to allow local governments the opportunity to support local responders as already provided at the state level.

Thank you for your dedication to Maryland.

Sincerely,
[Gerald Eaton Jr](#)
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