

Testimony in support of SB0077

State and Local Finance - Use of Funds - Prohibition

To: Senator Guy Gazzone, Chair, and members of the Senate Budget & Tax Committee

From: Jerry Kickenson

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I am writing in **support of Senate Bill 0077**, State and Local Finance - Use of Funds - Prohibition.

SB0077 will prohibit public funding of a known anti-constitutional (despite its name) organization, the so-called Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association.

This bill will address a real threat to public safety. The threat is not theoretical - at least one of Maryland's county sheriffs has already been linked to this organization. We need to ensure this does not spread, and that public funds are never used to support such an organization.

I strongly urge you to reach a favorable report for SB0077.

Respectfully yours,
Jerry Kickenson
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