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***TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 331***  
***STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM –***  
***MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE – REPEAL***  
***BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE***  
***JANUARY 30, 2025***

Chair Hettleman and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 331 is a very straight-forward piece of legislation that removes the mandatory age 60 retirement age for the Maryland State Police. The bill would make the corresponding provisions to both the State Police Retirement System as well as the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) thus allowing officers added flexibility in attaining their retirement goals.

As someone who previously directed a public safety agency, I know firsthand the challenges of recruiting and retaining quality officers as well as the necessity of finding ways to increase the appeal of service within our region. I simply find this legislation as a means to both ends.

**For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 331.**