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The Honorable Guy Guzzone Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee 3 West Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

## Re: SB 288 – Arbitration Reform for State Employees Act of 2025 - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Guzzone:

The State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) is the exclusive representative for 1,757 active state law enforcement officers. We are writing in Support of Senate Bill 288.

Senate Bill 288 is seeking to modify the current collective bargaining process for State employees. The current collective bargaining process that is used by the State is both unfair and unproductive. Binding Interest arbitration does not guarantee the employees will receive raises, rather it ensures the reasonableness and fairness of the collective bargaining process. Binding Interest arbitration would help make the process fair for both SLEOLA and the State.

This is an important proposal for each of the members of SLEOLA, and we ask for a favorable report of SB 288.

Sincerely,

Brian Gill President

cc: Members, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee