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TESTIMONY – SENATE BILL 766
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES –
MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE – JURISDICTION
JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE
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Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 766 is a direct piece of legislation that simply expands the jurisdiction to the Maryland Capitol Police to include statewide enforcement activities.

The aim of the bill is to expand and to clarify the authority of the Maryland Capitol Police to better achieve their public safety mission. This legislation will allow Maryland Capitol Police officers to both better protect state-owned properties and to ensure the safety of state employees and visitors. Additionally, this legislation would further allow the agency to better support fellow law enforcement agencies during emergencies.

As someone who both spent the majority of his professional career in the public safety field, and as someone who personally directed an agency, I know firsthand the importance on inter-departmental partnerships. I strongly believe that the jurisdictional expansion for the Maryland Capitol Police would prove itself invaluable to Maryland's public safety apparatus and I believe this legislation to be a clear means to that end.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 766.