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Senator William C. Smith, Jr.
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21402

FAVORABLE SUPPORT – SB 628

RE: Senate Bill 628 – Estates and Trusts – Registers of Wills - Salary

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

The intent of this legislation is to provide a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the Registers of Wills not taking effect until the next term beginning 2026. This legislation would not give us long-term step increments nor bonuses that our staffs and other state employees have received and continue to receive. This would only allow for COLAs, with the Board of Public Works still deciding the salaries for the Registers of Wills. This bill would eliminate the need to come before the legislature to ask for an increase as we have had to do in the past.

The salaries of the Registers shall be paid from the fees and receipts of the office after deducting expenses. Our revenue has increased over 9% so far this fiscal year with a very positive projection for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge a favorable report on **SB 628**.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Pirolozzi
Register of Wills

