



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Prince George's County, Maryland

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Senator Ron L. Watson, Jr., Ph. D.
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Dear Senator Watson,

I am writing this letter to express my support for Senate Bill 46, the Squatter Protection Law of 2025. This law would prohibit a person from possessing or claiming a right to residential real property that the person does not lawfully possess or own.

As the Sheriff of Prince George's County, I am acutely aware of the urgency of this issue. My state constitutional duty is to protect citizens by executing court-ordered warrants for restitution from unlawful entry into vacant homes. Prince George's County homeowners pay property taxes that are essential to fund the daily operation of our government, and we must ensure that they are not victimized by offenders who unlawfully break in and occupy their homes without permission. This bill will provide an easier way for homeowners to remove unlawful offenders without enduring unnecessary legal expenses, court delays, and potential property damage.

Our responsibility is to ensure that residents are safe and that their constitutional right to protect their private property is maintained. The importance of Senate Bill 46 cannot be overstated in this context. That is why I enthusiastically support this bill and request its passage without delay.

Sincerely,

John D.B. Carr
Sheriff