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The Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
100 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **Letter of Support for House Bill 308** – Criminal Law – Exception to Armed Tress Prohibition – Retired Law Enforcement Officials

Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Bartlett, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

As Cecil County Executive and a retired law enforcement officer, I am writing to express my strong support for HB 308, which seeks to add retired law enforcement officers to the active law enforcement officer exemption to the prohibition against wearing, carrying, or transporting firearms on real property. As it was consistently relayed to law enforcement groups like the Fraternal Order of Police, the exclusion of retired law enforcement officers from the exemption in the original legislation was an oversight that was supposed to be fixed with last year's SB 1, however time ran out before a final vote on Sine Die.

HB 308 just makes sense. Active-duty police can't be everywhere, particularly with budget constraints during these difficult fiscal times, and it is in the public's interest to have trained and experienced retired law enforcement professionals ready to stand as guardians and intervene, when necessary, on their behalf. It also allows retired officers the ability to protect themselves when violently confronted by criminals they investigated and charged. I can personally attest to my own situational awareness, given the cross-jurisdictional covert drug investigations I was involved in with our state and federal partners as a member of a drug task force before I retired. Furthermore, the inclusion of retired police in the exemption aligns with federal law, specifically the *Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004*.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to look **favorably** on HB 308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Streight", is written over a horizontal line.

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