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March 06, 2025

The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
100 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1401

Dear Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and Committee Members:

I write to you as the Sheriff of Calvert County in Support of HB1401. This bill will allow us to prohibit events and gatherings that are a public nuisance and generally disrupt the safety and security of Calvert County Residents. The current legislation does not allow for my office to adequately preserve the sanctity and quality of life a resident of Calvert County should be able to enjoy.

Calvert County has experienced the events contained in this legislation. Large scale for-profit events were organized and held in residential neighborhoods. The host residence is usually vacant or rented short term. Local police are called, but current legislation limits them in what can be done in these situations. Neighborhoods quickly become overwhelmed with many residents describing themselves as being terrorized and trapped.

We will continue to enforce all existing laws to ensure the safest possible outcomes for all residents. However, this legislation would help to provide a more proactive intervention of these dangerous events. I humbly ask for a favorable report on HB 1401.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Cox".

Sheriff Ricky Cox
Calvert County Sheriff