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TESTIMONY OF LEE HOLLAND
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BEFORE THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
SENATE BILL 520 – FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Guzzone and Honorable Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35, I submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 520.

This bill gives charter counties limited authority—similar to authority they already have for funding public education—to ensure adequate funding for public safety when local tax caps would otherwise prevent them from meeting core public safety needs. It does not mandate a tax increase and applies only to approved public safety budgets.

For law enforcement, this flexibility is essential to address staffing shortages, training needs, and rising operational costs that directly affect community safety.

Senate Bill 520 includes clear safeguards by requiring that any additional revenue be used exclusively for public safety purposes.

For these reasons, Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 35 respectfully urges a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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