

**2026 SB0030 Testimony For 2026-01-19.pdf**

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## Testimony For SB0030

Honorable Senators

Please enter a favorable report for SB0030.

I support authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property owned by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34.

I believe all Fraternal Order of Police Lodges should be exempt from paying property tax. It is one of the ways we can thank them for their service to the public.

Please enter a favorable report for SB0030.

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**EMRCC\_SB0030\_Support\_Letter.pdf**

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Dear Senator West,

On behalf of the Essex Middle River Civic Council, I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 0030, the Senate companion to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge property tax relief legislation.

The FOP Lodge serves as a vital public safety and community institution within our region. It functions not only as a gathering place for law enforcement officers and their families, but also as a venue for community meetings, charitable events, and public safety outreach. These facilities play an important role in strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Rising property taxes place a significant financial burden on these lodges, diverting limited resources away from their core mission of supporting officers and providing community services. SB 0030 would offer reasonable and targeted relief, helping ensure these important institutions can remain open, stable, and focused on public safety and community engagement.

The Essex Middle River Civic Council respectfully urges your favorable consideration of SB 0030 and appreciates your continued leadership in supporting the men and women who protect and serve our communities.

Sincerely,

Josh Sines  
President  
Essex Middle River Civic Council

# **Testimony SB30.pdf**

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**CHRIS WEST**  
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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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January 21, 2026  
The Maryland State Senate Budget & Taxation Committee  
The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 30 – Baltimore County – Property Tax Credit – Fraternal order of Police Lodge 34**

Chair Guzzone, Vice-Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget & Taxation Committee,

I am pleased to present Senate Bill 30. The bill authorizes the Baltimore County Government to fully exempt the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge at 730 Wampler Road, Middle River, Maryland from county property taxes beginning in FY2027.

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 owns the property that is the subject of this bill. It is a big part of the community in eastern Baltimore County. It hosts numerous annual events, conducts toy drives twice a year, and allows the Baltimore County Police Tactical Unit to use its facilities to operate in critical situations, even when little advance notice is given. So this property tax exemption will be well deserved.

The Baltimore County Delegation has not yet had an opportunity to have a meeting this year, but I plan to present this bill to the Delegation at our first meeting, and I will get a Delegation letter to you promptly.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of Senate Bill 30 and will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

# **Baltimore County Letter.pdf**

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**ROBERT O. MCCULLOUGH**  
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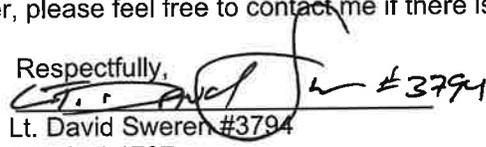
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Jim Kruszynski  
FOP Lodge 34  
730 Wampler Rd.  
Essex Md. 21220

September 22, 2025

I would like to acknowledge FOP Lodge 34 for their continued partnership with the Baltimore County Police Department. Lodge 34 is located in the Essex Precinct area of Baltimore County which often provides convenience to our members for a number of needs. As the Tactical Unit Commander, we often use their facility for a staging area or Command Post for operational needs related to search warrant services or critical incidents. Countless times we have unutilized the facility with minimal or no notice, and we have never been discouraged or turned away. The leadership of Lodge 34 treats Baltimore County Police members as if they were part of their organization as well. This relationship has become priceless during critical incidents by providing enough parking for all the responding units which is also safe and discrete from unwarranted public scrutiny. Lodge 34 leadership has often granted access to the building during extended incidents for restroom and other needs. This relationship not only benefits the Police Department, but it extends to the public we serve. Thank you for your attention in this matter, please feel free to contact me if there is additional information needed.

Respectfully,

  
Lt. David Sweren #3794

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Unit Commander, Tactical Section  
Baltimore County Police Department



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September 29, 2025

Mr. Jim Kruszynski  
President, FOP Lodge #34  
730 Wampler Rd.  
Middle River, MD 21220

Dear Members of the FOP Lodge #34,

On behalf of the 600+ staff at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support over the past nine years. Because FOP Lodge #34 serves as a drop-off and storage location (all year long!), a conservative estimate is that you have collected and delivered to us, approximately 5,000 toys. Your members donate toys, you engage local businesses and others give, and not just in December but also during our Christmas in July efforts, too! You make the holidays brighter for our patients and we are forever grateful.

Your commitment to bringing joy to children—both in the hospital and at home—has made a profound and lasting impact. The toys you've collected and donated have done more than just bring smiles; they have offered moments of comfort, hope, and normalcy to families navigating incredibly difficult circumstances.

Each year, your efforts remind us of the power of community and compassion. Whether it's a child undergoing treatment in the hospital or a family facing challenges at home, your kindness has reached them in meaningful ways. These gifts are more than just toys—they are symbols of care, encouragement, and support.

We are incredibly thankful for your kindness. Your generosity truly makes a difference, and we are honored to have had your support for nearly a decade.

With heartfelt appreciation,

*Paula*

Paula J. Bragg  
Director, Philanthropy  
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# **MDTA Training Academy Letter.pdf**

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# Maryland Transportation Authority

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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Police Training Unit, I am writing to highlight the significant benefits our agency has received through the generous support of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 34 and its members.

FOP Lodge 34 has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to law enforcement and public safety by donating the use of its building and facilities to the MDTA Police at no cost. This invaluable contribution has allowed our agency to conduct essential trainings and programs that might otherwise have been constrained by space, building availability or budget limitations. Notably, the FOP Lodge 34 building has served as a venue for Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) training on multiple occasions, including an ongoing three-week training session this month and next. Additionally, we have utilized the facilities for Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) training and other critical courses, especially during periods when our headquarters was unavailable.

The partnership between MDTA Police and FOP Lodge 34 has directly enhanced our ability to serve and protect the public. By providing a dedicated space for training and professional development, the FOP has not only supported our officers but also reinforced the strong bond between law enforcement and the community.

We are deeply grateful for the continued generosity and community spirit of FOP Lodge 34. Their unwavering support exemplifies the collaborative efforts that help strengthen public safety across Maryland.

Sincerely,

Jayson Cox  
Training Unit Assistant Commander, First Sergeant  
Maryland Transportation Authority Police



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# **PES Letter.pdf**

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September 13, 2025

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From: Eric Brennan  
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Reference: FOP Lodge 34 Community Assistance

President Kruszynski,

On behalf of the membership of the Police Emerald Society of Baltimore (PESB), please accept my gratitude and appreciation for the many years of fraternalism offered by FOP Lodge 34. Since the opening of the Hall and Lounge, the PESB has maintained a presence by utilizing its facilities. Due to its location in Baltimore County, Maryland FOP Lodge 34 offers a central location to host various events for our members coming from all over Maryland. The FOP Lodge 34 facility is well maintained and boasts the perfect environment to host events.

The PESB is a 501c3 Non-profit organization made up of Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Officers along with civilian Associate Members. The PESB has limited physical resources to accomplish our mission of assisting others in need and bringing together our community by hosting official business and social gatherings. The FOP Lodge 34 facility in Middle River has always been an open resource to host numerous gatherings over the years. Below is a list of events that have been held at FOP Lodge 34:

- Monthly Board and Membership Meetings
- Fundraisers to assist Law Enforcement Officers in need
- Fundraisers to assist the families of Fallen Law Enforcement Officers
- Membership Holiday Parties
- Social gatherings

Again, please accept this letter of gratitude for the many years of assistance and working together to accomplish the PESB mission. I look forward to many more years of hosting events at FOP Lodge 34.

Fraternally,

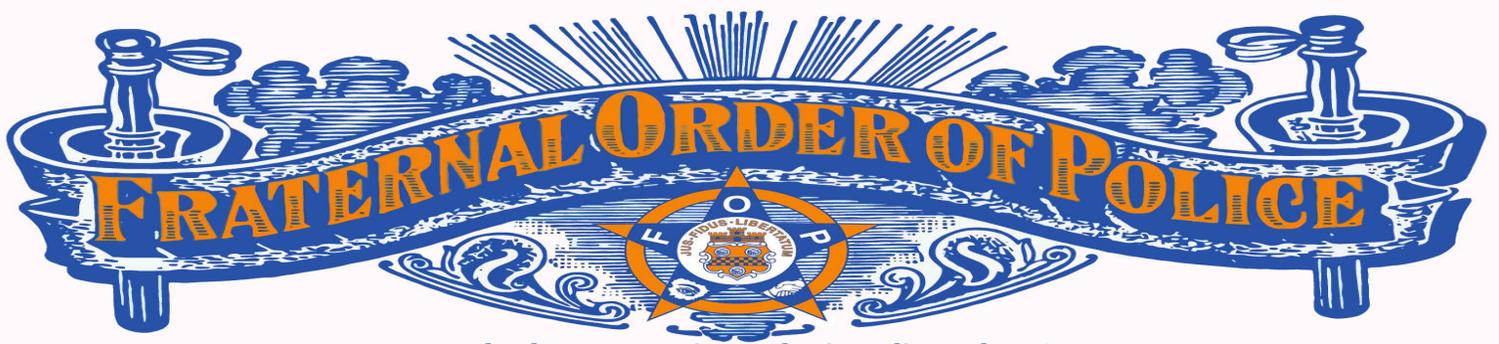
*Eric Brennan*

President  
Police Emerald Society of Baltimore

# **Senate Bill 30 Property Tax Written.pdf**

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Maryland Transportation Authority Police Lodge #34



President  
Jim Kruszynski III



Lodge Attorney  
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Budget and Taxation Committee  
Chair Guy Guzzone  
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January 15, 2026

**RE: Senate Bill 30 - Baltimore County – Property Tax Credit – Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 (SUPPORT)**

Chair Guzzone and Distinguished Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

My name is Jim Kruszynski, President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #34. I represent the nearly 600 active and retired members of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police. Our FOP Lodge is located at 730 Wampler Rd. in Baltimore County, Maryland.

As a nonprofit funded primarily by member dues, we support Senate Bill 30, which would authorize Baltimore County to grant a property tax credit on our real property. This relief would benefit us significantly, as we own almost 9 acres of land and, as a nonprofit, property taxes can be burdensome for our organization.

Our location provides substantial benefits to the Middle River and Baltimore County community:

- We host numerous annual events, including Breakfast with Santa, Community Bonfires, and Trunk-or-Treat, designed to bring the community together. These events all sell out every year.
- We conduct two large toy drives annually (including Christmas in July), using our building as a year-round drop-off and staging hub. Over the past nine years, we have donated approximately 5,000 toys to Mount Washington Pediatrics Hospital, which has recognized us as one of its largest contributors.
- The Baltimore County Police Tactical Unit frequently uses our facilities to stage and operate command posts during critical incidents and search warrants (often with minimal notice), providing safe, discreet parking and access during extended operations, thereby benefiting public safety.
- We provide free use to the Maryland Transportation Authority Police (whose headquarters and training academy are located in Baltimore County) for essential training, including ongoing multi-week Standardized Field Sobriety Test sessions, Leadership in Police Organizations courses, and other programs when their headquarters is unavailable—enhancing officer development and public safety.
- The Police Emerald Society of Baltimore (a 501(c)(3)) uses our facilities free of charge several times a year for monthly meetings, fundraisers for officers/fallen officers' families, holiday parties, and social gatherings, providing a central, well-maintained venue for statewide members.

We are always willing to help our community: Next month, we are donating our hall at no charge for a Baltimore County Department of Public Works public hearing requested by the county. All these efforts greatly serve the citizens of Middle River and Baltimore County, a benefit we are proud to provide.

FOP Lodge 34, along with its membership, would greatly benefit from this property tax credit legislation, allowing us to continue serving the Middle River community for years to come. Therefore, on behalf of the nearly 600 members of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #34, I thank you for your support and your **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 30. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kruszynski".

Jim Kruszynski  
President  
Fraternal Order of Police  
Lodge 34

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Tom Wieland

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