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The Honorable Melissa Wells
Chair, House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
142 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: SB 136 – Collective Bargaining – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission – Police
Officers – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Wells:

The State Law Enforcement Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) is the exclusive representative for more than 1,700 active state law enforcement officers, including officers of the Field Enforcement Bureau.

Senate Bill 136 applies provisions of law governing collective bargaining for State employees to specific police officers of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission. SLEOLA supports this proposal as it affords bargaining rights to law enforcement officers who were previously afforded these rights.

The Senate amendment to the bill reflects a July 1, 2026 effective date. This would align with the start of the fiscal year and, more importantly, would coincide with the effective date of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SLEOLA and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). This will provide greater clarity and consistency for members.

The State Law Enforcement Labor Alliance asks the Committee for a favorable report for this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Brian Gill
President

cc: Members, House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee