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VIA E-MAIL: jared.solomon@house.maryland.gov

Delegate Jared Solomon
312 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: **HB 1056 – General Provisions –
Commemorative Days – Purple Lights Night**

Dear Delegate Solomon:

As the elected Sheriff of Montgomery County, I would like to express my strong support for HB 1056, which would see the state of Maryland annually proclaim October 1 as Purple Lights Night to honor victims and survivors of domestic violence. National statistics tell us that 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and 1 in 4 men (28.5%) have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

My office oversees the Family Justice Center, the primary service center for victims of domestic violence in Montgomery County, which puts me in a unique position to understand and express the importance of raising awareness about this issue and the services available. Our Family Justice Center served a record 1,966 domestic violence survivors in fiscal year 2025, a number that has increased 12.5% in the last 5 years, and nearly 30% in the last 10 years. By following the State's lead, local jurisdictions can capitalize on the increased attention being brought to this issue by coordinating their own outreach efforts to coincide with Purple Lights Night. By increasing awareness about this issue and where victims can go to receive help, we also increase our ability to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable for their actions.

For these reasons, HB 1056 has my enthusiastic support.

Sincerely,

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff