



ALLEGANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



14300 McMullen Highway SW, Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Sheriff Craig A. Robertson

03/06/2026

Chairman Bagnall
Government, Labor, and Elections Comm. Chairman
240 Taylor House Office Building
241 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 1162 – Support as originally proposed

Dear Chairman Bagnall:

I am writing today to offer support for HB1162 **as originally proposed**. As an administrator in Allegany County, I know firsthand how difficult it has been over the past several years to secure the funding necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Medication Assistance Treatment Program.

We have relied on numerous grants to sustain our program, with little ability to secure the positions necessary. Holding on to people who are critical to your operation when there is no guarantee of annual funding is extremely difficult. The costs of medication, physician coverage, peer coverage, identification, counseling, and the intricate operations required are high.

This program is effective and should be fully funded annually in the State budget; however, this option appears to offer the best opportunity to gain some stability in financing. Since November 2021, 1,536 people from our detention center have been placed on MAT. 432 people have been placed into rehab. We can succeed with your help.

Please look favorably upon **the original legislation** and support HB.

Sincerely,

Captain Daniel B. Lasher
Asst. Administrator
Allegany County Detention Center.

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