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RE: Favorable – SB 101: Higher Education – Loan Repayment and Scholarships for Correctional Officers

Honorable Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

First, I want to thank Senator Bailey for his diligent work on SB 101.

My name is Christopher Morgan and I am the Executive Vice President of the Baltimore County Federations of Public Employees who represents approximately 1600 Baltimore County Employees including over 300 active Baltimore County Department of Corrections Employees. I want to convey my support for Senate Bill 101. These men and women who serve the citizens of the state of Maryland do an immensely difficult job for 8 -16 hours a day, 5 or more days a week for 25 or more years. These men and women are providing a very important and essential service to the citizens of Maryland. These Correctional Officers play many vital rolls inside the walls of their facilities. During their shifts they are either rule enforcers, fire fighters, paramedics or mental health professionals and many times they fill all 4 of these roles in 1 shift.

The passing SB 101 would be very beneficial for these Correctional Officers personal and professional lives. It would assist them with making the decision to go back to school and seek higher education, not only benefiting themselves, but also the agencies that they serve.

I believe the passing of SB 101 would show that the state of Maryland thanks these hardworking Correctional Officers for their hard work.

Because of this, I strongly urge you to support SB 101.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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