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**Written Testimony Submitted to the  
Judicial Proceeding Committee  
SB 101**

**Higher Education - Loan Repayment and Scholarships for Correctional Officers  
(Adding Correctional Officers)  
January 28, 2026  
SUPPORT / FAVORABLE**

Good morning, Honorable Members of the Judicial Committee.

My name is John Ripley, President of Baltimore County Federation of Public Employees (BCFPE Local #4883) representing Baltimore County Correctional Officers.

I respectfully call on this committee to issue a favorable report on **SB 101**, adding Correctional Officer to the police scholarship program.

Over the years I have witnessed these hard-working men and women protect the public by safely maintaining the Care, Custody and Control of incarcerated individuals. Correctional officers are certified by the same Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission (MPCTC) and have an equally dangerous jobs. Correctional Officer are not only partners in the Public Safety System, they are a true pillar of that system, ensuring success.

I urge you to support **SB 101**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

President John Ripley

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