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The Honorable Chair Smith
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SB533: Frederick County – Sheriff – Salary

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

Senate Bill 533: Frederick County – Sheriff – Salary is a local bill that will increase the position of Sheriff in Frederick County's salary for the first time in 19 years. Similar legislation updating the salaries of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Carroll County Sheriffs was passed in 2024. Moreover, this bill has passed this committee during each of the past four sessions. This bill provides the Sheriff with a necessary raise to reflect the increased responsibilities of the position and the needs of today's economy.

Additionally, this bill will also ensure that the income for the position of Sheriff remains standard within the law enforcement and criminal justice sector. By tying the Sheriff's salary to that of the Frederick State's Attorney at a rate of 82.5%, it will also remove the need for future legislative action to increase the Sheriff's salary.

This bill will not go into effect until after the upcoming election. I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Lewis Young".

Senator Karen Lewis Young