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The Honorable Mary Beth Carozza

James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street, Room 316
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support of SB 0367

Dear Senator Carozza:
District 38

As Chief of Police for the City of Salisbury, I am writing you to express my support of SB0367

Between the dates of January 1 and December 31, 2025, the Salisbury Police Department responded to 120 calls for service related to solicitation for money. Last year in 2025, of the 120 calls for solicitation, 45 calls or 37% were reported as aggressive behavior (24-calls) or impeding traffic (21-calls) respectively.

Solicitors are often known to law enforcement and are found to suffer from either mental health issues and or substance use disorders. Often these individuals are found to be intoxicated and create a situation of risk of serious injury or death to both the solicitor, in the roadway, and all individuals who are operating motor vehicles around the solicitor.

Although I am sympathetic to the motives for soliciting money in this manner, I believe by redirecting the generosity of motorist would better serve the situation by donating to local organizations and would have a greater impact by providing valuable and more efficient resources to a greater number of individuals.

I am in favor of passing this legislation to allow our law enforcement to make appropriate contact with individuals who may be in crisis, connect them with available services, and engage mental health co-responder teams when appropriate. This outcome would directly support the solicitor's needs, and will service to enhance roadway safety for everyone who travels through our community.

For these reasons, this Office supports SB 367 and respectfully urges its passage.

Respectfully,



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