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TESTIMONY ON SB#0533 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Frederick County - Sheriff – Salary

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

FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0533, **Frederick County - Sheriff – Salary**

In 2025, Maryland deputy sheriff salaries vary by county, with starting salaries often ranging from roughly \$53,000 to over \$100,000 for experienced officers in high-cost areas. Major metropolitan areas like Prince George's County and Baltimore offer higher competitive rates (\$70k–\$107k+), while suburban counties like Frederick and Carroll offer significant, legally negotiated pay adjustments.¹

As a resident of Frederick County, I have closely followed the debates over the last few years on the salary for the sheriff. The controversy over the conduct of the current occupant of that office has had negative effects on that pay rate. This bill is a compromise among members of the Frederick County Delegation, and I now support its goals.

This bill alters the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be \$175,000 for calendar year 2027; and alters the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be 82.5% of the State's Attorney for Frederick County's annual salary including any increments and salary adjustments authorized under certain provisions of law for calendar year 2028 and each subsequent calendar year.

This bill concentrates on the office and not the holder of that office and should be passed based on that consideration.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB0533.

¹ Google AI Search “sheriffs salaries in maryland counties 2025”