

Department of General Services
Maryland Capitol Police - Statewide Jurisdiction
HB 338/SB 298

Letters of Support

HB 338 Hearing Scheduled: March 5, 2026



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Secretary Atif T. Chaudhry
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Dear Secretary Chaudhry:

Thank you for collaborating on SB298/HB338. The Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP) is a proud partner and appreciates you working with our executive staff to address concerns. As a result, the MDSP is supportive of the bill as amended.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office by email at msp.superintendent@maryland.gov or by phone at 410-653-4219.

Sincerely,

Colonel Michael A. Jackson
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Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith Jr., Chair and
Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 5, 2026

RE: **SB 298 - Department of General Services - Maryland Capitol Police - Statewide
Jurisdiction**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT SB 298**. We see the Maryland Capitol Police as partners, and this bill clarifies and expands the authority of the Maryland Capitol Police to carry out their public safety responsibilities. This legislation recognizes the important role the Capitol Police play in protecting State facilities, officials, employees, and visitors, and provides clear statutory authority to perform their duties as needed in the interest of public safety.

Maryland's Police Chiefs and Sheriffs value strong coordination and mutual respect among all law enforcement agencies. We trust the Maryland Capitol Police to exercise the responsibilities outlined in this bill professionally and in coordination with local and State law enforcement partners.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT SB 298** and respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.



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Chair William C. Smith, Jr.
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Re: Support for Senate Bill 298 – Maryland Capitol Police Statewide Jurisdiction

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

On behalf of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), I write to express our support for Senate Bill 298, legislation that modernizes the jurisdictional authority of the Maryland Capitol Police while establishing comprehensive notification and coordination requirements with state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Maryland.

NOBLE is committed to ensuring equity in the administration of justice and serving as the conscience of law enforcement through our dedication to justice by action. With over 4,800 members across 60 chapters in six regions nationwide, we represent law enforcement executives and professionals who are deeply invested in promoting effective, equitable, and collaborative policing practices. Senate Bill 298 embodies many of the principles NOBLE champions, including clear lines of authority, transparent interagency communication, and partnerships built on mutual respect and shared public safety objectives.

We are particularly supportive of the bill's robust notification framework outlined in Section 4-601(B)(2), which requires the Maryland Capitol Police to provide timely notification to a comprehensive array of law enforcement agencies when exercising statewide authority. By mandating notification to local chiefs of police, sheriffs, state police commanders, and specialized state law enforcement entities, this legislation promotes transparency, reduces the potential for jurisdictional confusion, and fosters the kind of collaborative relationships that are essential to effective public safety operations. These notification requirements reflect a commitment to equity among law enforcement agencies and ensure that no community or jurisdiction is left uninformed when significant law enforcement activities are undertaken.

From the perspective of law enforcement leadership and professional development, Senate Bill 298 represents thoughtful policy that balances operational flexibility with accountability. The grant of statewide investigative and enforcement authority to the Maryland Capitol Police recognizes the evolving nature of threats to government officials, employees, and facilities in the modern era. At the same time, the requirement that this authority be exercised in accordance with adopted state regulations, policies, procedures, and memoranda of understanding ensures proper oversight and creates opportunities for developing formal coordination protocols that can serve as models for interagency cooperation.

NOBLE has long advocated for law enforcement policies and practices that promote diversity, inclusion, and community trust. We believe that legislation like SB 298, which emphasizes collaboration, communication, and clearly defined roles among law enforcement agencies, contributes to building stronger relationships both among law enforcement entities and between law enforcement and the communities we serve. The bill's framework for coordination and

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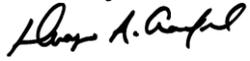
notification can help ensure that diverse perspectives from multiple agencies are brought to bear on complex public safety challenges, ultimately leading to more effective and equitable outcomes.

While Senate Bill 298 directly affects Maryland, its implications extend beyond state borders. As a national organization, NOBLE recognizes that innovations in law enforcement policy in one state often inform practices in others. Maryland's approach to modernizing capitol police jurisdiction while maintaining strong notification and coordination requirements could serve as a model for other states seeking to enhance security for government operations while preserving collaborative relationships among law enforcement agencies at all levels of government.

For these reasons, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives respectfully supports Senate Bill 298 and urges the Judicial Proceedings Committee to give it favorable consideration. We believe this legislation advances important public safety objectives while promoting the kind of transparency, equity, and collaboration that should characterize modern law enforcement operations.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter and your continued commitment to sound public safety policy. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwayne A. Crawford".

Dwayne A. Crawford
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ANNAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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February 4, 2026

Chair William C. Smith, Jr.
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland Senate
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: Support for Senate Bill 298 – Maryland Capitol Police Statewide Jurisdiction

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

On behalf of the Annapolis Police Department, I write to express our strong support for Senate Bill 298, legislation that provides the Maryland Capitol Police with statewide jurisdiction while establishing clear notification requirements and coordination procedures with local law enforcement agencies.

As the municipal law enforcement agency for Maryland's capital city, the Annapolis Police Department has a uniquely close working relationship with the Maryland Capitol Police. Our jurisdiction encompasses the State House, legislative office buildings, and numerous executive and administrative facilities that serve as the seat of Maryland's government. Every day, our officers work in close proximity to Maryland Capitol Police personnel, and we share a common commitment to ensuring the safety and security of state officials, employees, and the thousands of citizens who visit the capital complex.

Senate Bill 298 provides important clarity regarding the Maryland Capitol Police's authority to protect state facilities and investigate criminal activity while preserving the critical role of municipal law enforcement. The expansion of their protective perimeter from 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet around state buildings reflects the practical realities of modern security requirements and recognizes that threats to state facilities often originate or develop beyond the immediate physical footprint of government buildings. The notification requirements in the legislation ensure that the Annapolis Police Department remains informed when Maryland Capitol Police exercise their expanded authority, facilitating coordination and preventing operational conflicts.

Our experience demonstrates that effective public safety in Annapolis requires seamless cooperation among multiple law enforcement agencies. The Annapolis Police

Department regularly coordinates with the Maryland Capitol Police, the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office, and Maryland State Police on matters ranging from routine traffic management during legislative sessions to major security operations for state events. Senate Bill 298 strengthens this collaborative framework by establishing formal communication protocols and coordination mechanisms that will enhance our collective ability to respond to incidents, share critical information, and maintain public safety throughout our community.

The grant of statewide investigative and enforcement authority to the Maryland Capitol Police is particularly important given the nature of modern threats to government officials and operations. Investigations involving state officials or facilities frequently extend beyond Annapolis, and the ability of the Maryland Capitol Police to pursue such investigations statewide, while maintaining appropriate notification to local jurisdictions, will improve both efficiency and effectiveness. The requirement that this authority be exercised in accordance with adopted regulations, policies, procedures, and memoranda of understanding provides appropriate safeguards and ensures accountability.

For these reasons, the Annapolis Police Department respectfully supports Senate Bill 298 and urges the Judicial Proceedings Committee to give it favorable consideration. This legislation represents thoughtful public policy that will enhance security for Maryland's government, improve interagency coordination, and strengthen public safety in our capital city and throughout the state.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter and your continued commitment to public safety. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Miguez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office

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Chairman William Smith
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland Senate

Dear Chairman Smith,

As the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, I write to express my strong support for Senate Bill 298, which would grant statewide jurisdiction to the Department of General Services, Maryland Capitol Police (MCP).

This legislation would allow MCP to operate uniformly across Maryland, ensuring continuity in the investigation of crimes, traffic offenses, and other incidents occurring on properties within their primary jurisdiction.

At a time when many law enforcement agencies are challenged by personnel shortages, Senate Bill 298 offers a strategic advantage by establishing concurrent jurisdiction. While traveling between areas of responsibility, MCP officers would have the authority to deter, stop, and detain individuals engaged in criminal activity until local units arrive. This enhanced capability would significantly strengthen public safety and reinforce Maryland's statewide law enforcement network.

Additionally, all state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies in Maryland adhere to the rigorous training standards established by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission and are subject to the Maryland Police Accountability Act. This oversight ensures consistent, professional service whenever MCP exercises authority within a concurrent jurisdiction.

I look forward to the passage of this legislation and to the continued partnership with Colonel Wilson and the Maryland Capitol Police.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Everett Sesker
Anne Arundel County



Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor
Josh Kurtz, Secretary
David Goshorn, Deputy Secretary

February 4, 2026

Chair William C. Smith, Jr.
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Maryland Senate
Miller Senate Office Building
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Re: Support for Senate Bill 298 – Maryland Capitol Police Statewide Jurisdiction

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

On behalf of the Maryland Natural Resources Police, I write to express our support for Senate Bill 298, which would grant statewide jurisdiction to the Maryland Capitol Police while establishing clear notification and coordination requirements with other state and local law enforcement agencies.

As a statewide law enforcement agency with broad jurisdictional responsibilities, the Natural Resources Police recognize the importance of clearly defined authority and structured interagency coordination. Senate Bill 298 reflects these principles by addressing operational needs while preserving communication and collaboration among Maryland's law enforcement partners.

We appreciate the bill's notification provisions, which promote transparency, professional courtesy, and situational awareness among law enforcement agencies. These requirements support effective information sharing and help reduce the risk of duplicative efforts or operational conflict when multiple agencies have overlapping public safety responsibilities.

From an operational perspective, the bill provides clarity regarding the Maryland Capitol Police's authority to protect state officials, employees, and facilities beyond traditional jurisdictional boundaries. At the same time, the requirement that this authority be exercised in accordance with established policies, procedures, and memoranda of understanding reinforces a collaborative approach to public safety and respects the distinct roles of Maryland's law enforcement agencies.

The Natural Resources Police have a history of working cooperatively with the Maryland Capitol Police and other state partners on matters of mutual concern. We view Senate Bill 298 as a framework that supports continued coordination and reinforces existing professional relationships rather than altering them.

For these reasons, the Maryland Natural Resources Police respectfully supports Senate Bill 298 and appreciates the Committee's consideration of this legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to contact our office if additional information would be helpful.

Respectfully,



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Re: Support for Senate Bill 298 – Maryland Capitol Police Statewide
Jurisdiction

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

On behalf of St. John's College Office of Public Safety, I write to express our support for Senate Bill 298, legislation that provides the Maryland Capitol Police with statewide jurisdiction while establishing clear notification requirements and coordination procedures with local and campus law enforcement agencies.

St. John's College has been part of the Annapolis community for over 230 years, and our historic campus in the heart of Maryland's capital city operates in close proximity to numerous state government facilities, including the State House, legislative office buildings, and executive agencies. As certified Campus Police officers serving under Maryland Public Safety Article Title 3-Subtitle 3, appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland, our officers share a common commitment with the Maryland Capitol Police to protecting public safety in Annapolis while respecting the jurisdictional responsibilities of multiple law enforcement agencies operating in our community.

Senate Bill 298 promotes the kind of collaborative, coordinated approach to public safety that benefits all law enforcement agencies in Annapolis. The legislation's notification requirements, which mandate that the Maryland Capitol Police inform local law enforcement agencies when exercising their expanded statewide authority, ensure transparency and facilitate the coordination that is essential when multiple jurisdictions operate in close proximity. As a campus law enforcement agency and member of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, we understand the importance of clear communication channels and well-defined roles among law enforcement partners.

From an operational perspective, this legislation provides important clarity regarding the Maryland Capitol Police's authority to investigate and enforce

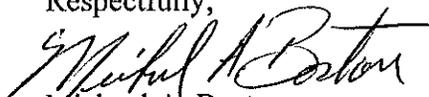
criminal laws while preserving cooperative relationships with local and campus law enforcement. The expansion of their protective perimeter from 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet around state facilities reflects the practical security requirements in a dense urban environment like downtown Annapolis, where our campus, state facilities, and municipal areas intersect. The bill's requirement that the Maryland Capitol Police exercise their statewide authority in accordance with adopted regulations, policies, procedures, and memoranda of understanding creates opportunities for formalizing coordination protocols that will enhance public safety for the entire Annapolis community.

The mission of St. John's College Office of Public Safety is to protect our campus, serve our college community, and preserve the good order of the college. Achieving this mission requires strong working relationships with the Annapolis Police Department, Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement agencies with whom we interact regularly. Senate Bill 298 strengthens these partnerships by establishing formal notification procedures and coordination mechanisms that will improve situational awareness, enhance response capabilities, and promote more effective public safety operations throughout our shared jurisdiction.

For these reasons, St. John's College Office of Public Safety respectfully supports Senate Bill 298 and encourages the Judicial Proceedings Committee to give it favorable consideration. This legislation represents sound policy that will enhance security for state facilities and officials while promoting the collaborative approach to law enforcement that best serves our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation and your continued commitment to public safety in Maryland. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,



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