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The Honorable Chair Bartlett  
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**SB533: Frederick County – Sheriff – Salary**

Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the Judiciary 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 11 years. The Frederick County Sheriff's salary is currently \$125,000, an amount that is not competitive with parallel or even subordinate positions. For example, Howard County, the county closest in population to Frederick, offers the Sheriff a salary of \$191,942. Moreover, a Frederick County Chief Deputy Sheriff's starting salary is \$136,529, which is 9.22% higher than the Sheriff's salary.

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the post of Sheriff is provided with a fair and competitive income within the law enforcement and criminal justice sector. This legislation is intended to standardize the position's salary and will not go into effect until after the upcoming election.

Additionally, 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. I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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

Senator Karen Lewis Young