



# Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable J. Sandy Bartlett, Chair and  
Members of the House Judiciary 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 24, 2026

RE: **HB 756 - Law Enforcement - Use of Facial Recognition Technology - Images  
Captured in Dwelling Interior**

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT** House Bill 756. HB 756 provides a responsible update to Maryland law that will assist law enforcement in investigating serious crimes committed within the home, while preserving necessary protections regarding the use of facial recognition technology.

In many cases, evidence comes from security systems and cameras within the home. However, current law prohibits law enforcement from using facial recognition technology outside of a select few instances. This bill expands the use of facial recognition to crimes such as arson, burglary, and trespass. This authorization will assist law enforcement in rapidly identifying and apprehending dangerous offenders and prevent them from causing further harm.

HB 756 does not grant law enforcement broad surveillance authority but merely permits them to responsibly utilize available investigative technology when victims' own cameras record evidence of crimes committed within their homes.

Granting law enforcement this limited authority will enable them to more quickly solve crimes, identify repeat offenders, recover stolen property, and improve public safety in Maryland communities. For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT** House Bill 756 and urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.