



TESTIMONY FOR SB0533
Frederick County - Sheriff - Salary

Bill Sponsor: Frederick County Senators

Committee: Judiciary

Organization Submitting:

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante

Position: **UNFAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony to request an unfavorable report for SB0533.

As a Frederick County resident, I am appalled that the Frederick County Delegation is attempting to raise the salary for Sheriff Jenkins. His tenure as Sheriff in Frederick County has resulted in several lawsuits for poor policing that have cost the county over \$225,000 in the past several years. After the last lawsuit, Sheriff Jenkins was forced to publicly apologize for the poor policing and poor training that caused the lawsuit.

The average **police chief salary** at City of Frederick was \$187,274, which is 37 percent higher than the average salary for this job in Maryland, and 63 percent higher than the national average for this job.

Why should we want to pay Sheriff Jenkins MORE of our taxpayer dollars? He would be making just shy of what the police chief of Frederick City is making, and that is 37% too high for the same job in other places in Maryland. At this point, Sheriff Jenkins owes the residents of this county for misusing their trust and their taxpayer dollars. The last thing we need is to pay him extra for that.

I do not support this bill and recommend a **UNFAVORABLE** report in committee.