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Budget and Taxation Committee  
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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Vote Yes On Senate Bill 0607**

**Bill Title: Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Public Safety Retirement Income – Amount**

**Committee: Ways and Means Committee**

**Hearing Date: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

Dear Chair and Honorable Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 607 phases in an increase to the subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to service as a public safety employee. The bill gradually raises the eligible subtraction amount from \$15,000 to \$20,000 over several years, providing predictable and sustainable tax relief.

Public safety employees, including correctional officers, law enforcement officers, firefighters, rescue personnel, and emergency medical technicians, dedicate their careers to protecting Maryland communities. Many retire after physically demanding and high-risk service. This legislation recognizes their commitment by allowing them to retain more of their earned retirement income.

By phasing in the increase over time, the bill balances support for retirees with responsible fiscal planning. It offers meaningful relief while allowing the State to manage the budgetary impact in a measured way.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray".

Cory V. McCray  
State Senator