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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chairman and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

**RE: SB 492 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - State Law Enforcement Officers**

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

Current law provides a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain law enforcement officers to include law enforcement officers who reside in the political subdivision in which the law enforcement officer is employed with a crime rate that exceeds the State's crime rate.

SB492 has been introduced by Sen. Ben Kramer simply adds State law enforcement officers to this section of the tax code.

Maryland State Troopers are integral members of the law enforcement community in Maryland. Given the role that our Maryland State Troopers perform in the public safety of our counties and state we feel that this small change is warranted and justified.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association strongly supports SB492 and request a favorable report.

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