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Good afternoon, my name is Sgt. Ronald Sherman, Jr. I have been employed with the Harford County Sheriff's Office for more than 22 years as a Correctional Deputy. I am here in support of SB138.

SB138 will broaden the location of our facility, by allowing the correctional deputies to serve warrants in the Circuit and District Courts of Harford County. Currently, when the court issues a warrant, the individual is made to wait until a patrol deputy can get to the courthouse to transport them to the Detention Center for processing. At this time, we are not able to transport the individuals waiting for warrant service because they are not in our custody. We encounter this situation an average of 8-10 times each month.

By giving us this ability to serve the warrants, we could transport them directly to our facility for processing. This would enable law enforcement deputies to remain on patrol within the community. At the present time, they have to leave their sectors to come to the courthouse to take custody of the individual and then transport them to our Detention Center. This process could take up to at least 1.5-2 hours.

Thank you for your time and for allowing Cpl. Robinson and myself the opportunity to come and speak on this issue today.

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