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The Honorable Anne Kaiser, Chair and Members of the House Ways & Means Committee

RE: HB 843 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.

HB843 has been introduced by Del. Kevin Hornberger which simply adds State law enforcement officers to this section of the tax code.

Maryland State Trooper's 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 HB843 and request a favorable report.

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