

Bill Number: SB 862
Scott D. Shellenberger, State's Attorney for Baltimore County
Support

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SCOTT D. SHELLENBERGER,
STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY,
IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 862
ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS – RECALL
BY JUDGE

I write in support of Senate Bill 862 that permits a District Court or Circuit Court Judge to withdraw an arrest warrant issued by a commissioner. As a practical matter, this is currently being done in Baltimore County and most other jurisdictions. While it is a common practice, it certainly does not hurt to codify it so that someone in the future cannot take the position that there is no rule or law authorizing it. This is good common sense.

I request a favorable report.