

January 19, 2021

RE: SB 43
Maryland Senate / Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD. 21401
Attn: Judicial Proceedings

Support for SB 43 – Criminal Law - Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition of Sexual Activity.

Good day members.

I am writing to you today to support of increasing accountability in policing, guidelines, policies and procedures.

Our police officers are public servants to all of us, and they are in service to the law that they swear to uphold. Recent cases of abuses within police departments have given many of us reason to pause and reconsider the levels of accountability around law enforcement policies, procedures and officer training.

As part of their roles as officers of the law, there is also laws in place that protect the citizenry from abuses of the system by the members of law enforcement.

As citizens, this is how we enact change into the policing of our communities. We want better police procedures and transparency, we want better trained police officers, and we want safer communities. By working together with our police departments, we can make the system of community policing better and safer for all. This change is one step in the right direction toward increased accountability to one's community, which our officers have sworn to protect.

We hope that we can count of the members support for these changes to police guidelines and policies.

Please vote in favor of SB 43.

Thank you for your considering my testimony today.
Mr. Richard Ceruolo