



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr. Chairman and
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Chief David Morris, Co-Chair, MCPA, Joint Legislative Committee
Sheriff Darren Popkin, Co-Chair, MSA, Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 23, 2021

RE: **SB 617 and SB 702 Criminal Procedure – Expungement -Entitlement**

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT SB 617 and SB 702. These bills would prohibit the granting of an expungement to a convicted defendant that is placed on the sex offender registry.

The sex offender registry is, in part, designed to help protect potential future victims from convicted sexual predators by requiring the offender to register - thereby providing notice to communities. In allowing these offenders to be removed from the registry due to an expungement we are simply placing communities in harm's way and potentially creating more victims of these horrific crimes.

Prohibiting the granting of an expungement in these matters protects communities and future victims from potential harm these offenders. For these reasons MCPA and MSA SUPPORT SB 617 and 702 and urge a FAVORABLE Report.