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BILL NO.: **SB 475**

TITLE: **Maryland Transit Administration Police – Collective Bargaining – Supervisors and Sergeants**

SPONSOR: **Senator Beidle**

COMMITTEE: **Appropriations**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: **March 29, 2022**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 475 - Maryland Transit Administration Police – Collective Bargaining – Supervisors and Sergeants. This legislation would add sergeants and supervisors in the Maryland Transit Administration Police to the list of employees authorized to collectively bargain with the Maryland Transit Administration.

Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski is committed to improving relations between employers and employees and empowering workers through the collective bargaining process. SB 475 would extend these bargaining rights to those who serve our community by adding sergeants and supervisors in the Maryland Transit Administration to the list of employees empowered to collectively bargain.

This legislation is a step towards increased representation among members of the Maryland Transit Administration by giving them an active role in the bargaining process by establishing a fair process for sergeants and supervisors. It is critical to ensure that those keeping the State transit system safe are afforded the same rights as other Maryland employees.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 475. For more information, please contact Joel Beller, Acting Director of Government Affairs at jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov.