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Chair Luke Clippinger  
House Judiciary Committee  
Room 101  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: HB 162/SB 558: Public Safety - Law Enforcement - Body-Worn Cameras**

### **POSITION: Information**

Dear Chair Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services ("Office") is providing this letter of information for House Bill 162/Senate Bill 558: Public Safety - Law Enforcement - Body-Worn Cameras (BWC).

This bill requires and authorizes the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) to take certain actions relating to body-worn cameras, specifically the MPTSC being authorized to conduct audits of any law enforcement agency to evaluate the implementation of BWC policies and the use of BWCs, equipment, and technology in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Following an audit, MPTSC shall report a violation of any applicable law or regulation related to BWC policies or the use of BWCs, equipment, or technology to the law enforcement agency, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), and the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services. The report must request that the law enforcement agency take appropriate action to correct the violation, and the law enforcement agency that receives a report of an apparent violation must submit a written response in a timely manner to MPTSC, DPSCS, and the Office.

If an audit identifies any violation by a law enforcement agency, MPTSC may request that the Executive Director of the Office condition funding from the State Aid for Police Protection Fund on action by the law enforcement agency to remedy the violation and to prevent repeat violations. The State Aid for Police Protection Fund is a formula-driven funding program used to supplement resources for police protection in our local communities. State funds provide additional revenue to support the operational costs of local

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and county police agencies. If the Executive Director accepts the request for the condition of funding, then the agencies found in violation by the audit, will have their formula funding affected until such violations are remedied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yesim Karaman".

Yesim Karaman

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