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<b>Position:</b>	Letter of Information	<b>Contact:</b>	Kim Buckheit <a href="mailto:kim.buckheit1@maryland.gov">kim.buckheit1@maryland.gov</a> 443-902-0622

On behalf of the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS), thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of information for House Bill 1390.

MCSS remains committed to assisting local school systems in implementing a layered approach to school safety.

The School Safety Grant Program has been ***an important tool*** for ***local school systems*** and the ***Maryland School for the Blind*** to address much needed school safety and security projects. School safety and security funding is limited and this grant program directly supports local school safety and security improvements including:

- **Access Control Systems** including security vestibules, ballistic resistant window coverings, door monitoring systems, card access systems, metal detectors, wayfinding signage and campus fencing;
- **Camera Surveillance Systems;**
- **Door Hardware** including proximity card readers;
- **Door Improvements** including secure and lockable classroom doors in schools that include door replacement, lockbox for emergency key access, door alarms/sensors, door intercoms and panic buttons;
- **Emergency Generators;**
- **Interior building modifications** including the creation of an area of safe (visual) refuge in classrooms in the school, installation of pass through window, installation of security mirrors, relocation of administrative office, phone and intercom systems;
- **Security Communications** including directional signage;
- **Site Improvements** including campus lighting and walkway enclosures; and
- **Other** security and safety projects.

Thank you again for taking the time to review this information as you consider House Bill 1390.