

**Bill Number: SB 182**  
**Scott D. Shellenberger, State's Attorney for Baltimore County**  
**Support**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF SCOTT D. SHELLENBERGER,**  
**STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY,**  
**IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 182**  
**FACIAL RECOGNITION**

I write in support of Senate Bill 182 that represents a compromise that has been long in the making. Senate Bill 182 strikes a balance between those who want to use Facial Recognition Technology to solve crimes and those who want to protect the privacy of citizens. Senate Bill 182 represents a long discussed compromise of this issue.

In Summary Senate Bill 182:

- prevents the results generated by facial recognition technology from being introduced in a criminal trial or delinquency proceeding;
- permits the results of Facial Recognition to establish probable cause;
- does not permit the results to be the "sole basis" for probable cause;
- requires the addition of independent evidence.
- limits the use of the technology to violent and serious crimes;
- prevents the technologies use if the activity is under the protection of the Constitution etc.
- is not used to analyze a sketch;
- results may not be disclosed prior to a witness identification procedure;
- analysis may not be done in live or real time.
- limits the database of photos to MVA records and mug shots;
- the results must be verified by a specially trained individual;
- requires disclosure during discovery that the technology was used;
- requires yearly public disclosure of certain information.

Senate Bill 182 strikes an important balance between law enforcement interests and those who have privacy concerns.

I urge a favorable report.