



February 27, 2024

Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Senator William C. Smith, Jr.  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: SB 470 – Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Workforce (GAPS) Act – Support**

Dear Senator Smith:

The proposed reform to the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program is a commendable effort to broaden the scope of career opportunities within public safety agencies by providing young individuals the opportunities to begin a career, supporting growth of careers in public safety, and fostering positive relationships between the public, particularly young individuals, and public safety agencies.

A robust public safety workforce enhances community safety and fosters an environment conducive to economic growth and prosperity. By providing individuals with viable pathways to careers in law enforcement, we can support local economies and strengthen the fabric of our communities.

We believe this legislation will be effective for ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens while also promoting economic opportunity and vitality.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of nearly 700 members, supports this bill and therefore, requests that you give it a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McMullin".

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Justin Ready  
Delegate April Rose

