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3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

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The Honorable Jon Weinstein
Chairperson, Howard County Council
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: Council Bill 56-2017

Dear Council Chair Weinstein,

Council Bill 56-2017, amended at the request of the County Executive, is scheduled to be introduced to the County Council on July 17, 2017 with public comments. Unfortunately, due to a previously scheduled engagement, I am unavailable to make public comment on that day.

As the trustee of the Howard County Police and Fire Employee's Retirement Plan representing the Police Department's Supervisory Employee's, I pledge full support for the adoption of Council Bill 56-2017. The legislation provides appropriate language to the plan allowing for the continuance of a pension benefit to surviving spouses upon remarriage. This benefit would allow for the widow(er) of a line of duty death member, whom have provided the ultimate sacrifice to our County, to continue to retain pension benefits while moving forward with their lives. The cost of the amendment would have a negligible financial impact on the plan and, as adopted, would be ineligible to be benefitted to the new spouse of the widow(er).

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Jason Luckenbaugh
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Police Supervisory Employee Trustee

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