



Howard County Citizens Association

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Date: 22 September 2026

Subject: **HCCA Testimony for CB53-2026 – Public Safety Tax Credit**

Good evening.

I am Stu Kohn from Scaggsville testifying on behalf of the Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA as its President.

We appreciate and commend the sponsors of this Bill who are attempting to provide a well-deserved Tax Credit for deserving retired Safety employees. We do have some concerns and questions so we could fully support this proposed Bill which are as follows:

- The Auditor states if CB53-2026 is passed it would cost \$285,000 per year thus at 10 years the cost is \$2.85 million dollars. We ask can our County at this time afford the cost?
- Should there be a requirement that to be eligible the recipient has to be a certain age and have been employed as a Safety Officer for “X” number of years?
- Should there be a condition which states if the recipients “Adjusted Gross Income” on their Tax Return exceed “X” amount they are not eligible.
- Please refer to page 4 of the Bill. Will the Public have the opportunity to see the Report and where will it be available to review? Suggest if this is accepted it be placed after line 6 of page 4.

With the aforementioned questions being addressed and we agree then HCCA would be glad to state, “We are in FAVOR of CB53-2026.”

Thank You,

Stu Kohn
HCCA President