



# Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr. Chairman and  
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

**FROM:** Chief of Staff David Morris, Co-Chair, MCPA, Joint Legislative Committee  
Sheriff Darren Popkin, Co-Chair, MSA, Joint Legislative Committee  
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

**DATE:** February 10, 2022

**RE:** **SB 356 Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Entitlement**

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT SB 356. These bills would prohibit the granting of an expungement to a convicted defendant that is placed on the sex offender registry.

The sex offender registry is, in part, designed to help protect potential future victims from convicted sexual predators by requiring the offender to register - thereby providing notice to communities. In allowing these offenders to be removed from the registry due to an expungement we are simply placing communities in harm's way and potentially creating more victims of these horrific crimes.

Prohibiting the granting of an expungement in these matters protects communities and future victims from potential harm these offenders. For these reasons MCPA and MSA SUPPORT SB 356 and urge a FAVORABLE Report.