



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association

Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair and
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Natasha Mehu, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 6, 2024

RE: **HB 476 Criminal Procedure – Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis and
Search – Applicability for Deceased and Missing Children**

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT HB 476. This bill will remove barriers to help law enforcement utilize Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG) as a tool to solve missing persons cases, specifically in casing involving deceased and missing children.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA SUPPORT HB 476 and urge a FAVORABLE committee report.