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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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The Honorable Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chairman
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Hawkins:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Bill to amend the County's Code of Ethics to clarify prohibited conduct and interests as relates to police officers and fire/emergency medical service employees.

The modifications would make clear that police officers and fire/emergency medical service employees are not prohibited from responding in an official capacity to emergencies at businesses or properties in which the employee or a relative has an interest. Additionally, the modifications would clarify that the Code's prohibitions on use of prestige of office and use of County resources do not apply to police officers exercising police authority during outside employment that has otherwise allowed by regulation of the Board of Ethics and approved by the Chief of Police. Finally, the modifications provide needed clarity on the conduct that is subject to the Code's prohibition on use of County resources.

As is required by State law, these proposed changes were reviewed and approved by the State Ethics Commission in September 2021. Additionally, the proposed changes were presented to, and approved by, the Prince George's County Board of Ethics in January 2022.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is respectfully requested. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Barry L. Stanton, Deputy Chief Administrator Officer for Public Safety and Homeland Security at 301-952-4131.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures