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To: DSA General Membership
From: DSA President Will Milam

Brothers and Sisters,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the Maryland General Assembly's passage of House Bill 970 (Senate Bill 689), a bill proposed by the Deputy Sheriffs Association designed to extend a transfer tax credit to Deputy Sheriffs on second or subsequent residential property purchases in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Once signed into law by Governor Hogan, this legislation will enable sworn Deputy Sheriffs to secure a 0.4% reduction on the transfer tax paid on their second or subsequent home purchase in Prince George's County. To qualify for the reduction, the Deputy Sheriff must use the home as their primary residence.

While this transfer tax credit was already afforded to our counterparts at the County Police, our members were, inexplicably, not extended this same benefit. The Deputy Sheriffs Association Board of Directors worked tirelessly during this legislative session to ensure that this issue received the attention it deserved, and to guarantee that our members would be extended this benefit moving forward. Many hours were spent fact-finding, lobbying, and testifying on this bill, all in an attempt to ensure that our members would be treated equitably.

While this bill only affects our sworn members, it is a victory for our entire organization. With the passage of this legislation, the Deputy Sheriffs Association has been successful in both of its recent attempts to modify or change County and State laws for the benefit of our members.

Lastly, I would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to Sheriff Melvin High and his staff for the assistance they rendered during this legislative initiative. The Sheriff's vocal support and written testimony on behalf of this bill were instrumental in its passage.

For more information on this legislation, or to view video of our testimony before House Ways and Means or Senate Budget and Taxation Committees, please visit: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/>, and search HB970 or SB689.

Fraternally,

William R. Milam
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