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The Honorable Congressman David Trone
Maryland 6th District Representative
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Dear Congressman Trone:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my support of your proposed Bill named Confidentiality Opportunities for Peer Support Counseling (COPS Counseling) Act. This is an important bill to support public safety officers for peer support protection regarding confidentiality for the public safety employee's protection. Mental health has been a growing concern for many in our profession and in our communities. It is vitally important in our work environment due to the stressful nature of the profession that there is an abundance of confidence for employees to come forward in a confidential manner to share and/or gain assistance with or from their peers. There should be no barriers for our public safety employees to obtain the treatments or assistance needed. This bill will assist in eliminating those barriers.

I want to thank you for your work in bringing this bill forward to assist our public safety officers and please let me know if I can assist further. I look forward to the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Marcus G. Jones
Chief of Police

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