



# Metro Crime Stoppers Inc.

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**Anonymity Eliminates  
Intimidation**

## **Testimony of Earl E. Winterling, Chairman, Metro Crime Stoppers Inc.**

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### **Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund**

My name is Earl E. Winterling, I am Chairman of Metro Crime Stoppers Inc. I am writing on behalf of Metro Crime Stoppers in support of the Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund.

Metro Crime Stoppers is a volunteer organization actively supporting law enforcement agencies in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area in solving crime in our communities by offering monetary incentive to citizens that provide anonymous information that leads to the arrest and indictment of wanted felons. The success of our program with solving crime is that Anonymity Eliminates Intimidation.

Since our inception in 1981, we have approved 1010 rewards with a monetary value of more than a half a million dollars. To date, over 2,600 cases which include homicides, armed robberies, abductions, aggravated assaults, arsons, auto thefts, burglaries, rapes and drug dealing have been solved. These numbers would be much higher if we had the funds available to double the reward amounts on the most serious crimes like homicides.

In Prince Georges County, the Crime Solvers Program offers \$25,000.00 reward for all homicides and this is possible because they receive annual funds through Asst Forfeiture.

With COVID, we have not been able to do our annual fund-raising events the last two years so the funds currently available would not allow us to increase the rewards unless we receive some much-needed assistance.

Help us to continue to help our Police Departments to solve crimes in our communities and against our businesses by passing the Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund Bill.

Metro Crime Stoppers Inc. strongly supports the passage of the Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund.

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