



Bill 43-23, *Crisis Intervention Team - Established*
Montgomery County Council
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Support

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, supports Bill 43-23, *Crisis Intervention Team - Established*.

Bill 43-23, which seeks to establish a crisis intervention team as a joint program of the Montgomery County Police Department and the County Department of Health and Human Services, would increase the quality of public safety on behalf of all Montgomery County residents and businesses.

MCCC contends that public safety is one of the most important factors for creating a positive business environment and encouraging economic growth. For this reason, MCCC has a strong partnership with Montgomery County's public safety community, going back nearly 50 years.

This crisis intervention team model of co-deployment will yield better outcomes and divert individuals away from the criminal justice system. It is important to seek innovations in crisis response by implementing recognized best practices where possible.

Mental and behavioral health emergencies can and do happen anywhere – in public and privately. When there is a public incident, it can negatively impact local businesses by creating the perception that the surrounding area is unsafe.

For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce supports Bill 43-23 and respectfully requests favorable consideration of the bill.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our members, advocates for growth in business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure, and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national, and global location for business success. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent non-profit membership organization and a proud Montgomery County Green Certified Business.

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