



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 25, 2018

Police Chief Tom Manger, State's Attorney John McCarthy, Ms. Debra Katz & Mr. Michael Avenatti:

We, the undersigned elected representatives of Montgomery County, Maryland residents, are writing to express our concern about the need for an investigation into recent high-profile allegations of sex assault in our county. The accusations leveled by Christine Blasey Ford and others against Brett Kavanaugh are years-old to be sure, but Maryland might have no statute of limitations shielding defendants from accountability for some of the alleged acts. The incidents in question are alleged to have occurred among residents of Montgomery County, and there are allegedly direct and corroborating witnesses who may be able to provide details on this case. We request an investigation be conducted if Christine Blasey Ford or other complainants support such an investigation.

In other high profile cases, we have recently witnessed criminal sex assault investigations launched years after-the-fact. As we know, it takes many victims years to come forward publicly about crimes that may have occurred. In Montgomery County we have been pushing for sex assault cases to be taken seriously and given reasonable investigation, even when they may not lead to criminal charges or be ultimately marked "unfounded." In the present case, county officials may be with the jurisdiction to pursue such an inquiry and are uniquely positioned to investigate publicly announced allegations of sex assaults that may have occurred within our borders. We believe local law enforcement has the authority to investigate allegations of crimes without need for a formal complaint, and we further believe third parties have standing to bring such complaints.

We hope you will choose to be proactive in ensuring proper investigation of the sex assault allegations in Montgomery County by Brett Kavanaugh.

Sincerely,

Delegate Kumar Barve
Delegate Al Carr
Delegate Bonnie Cullison
Delegate Ariana Kelly
Delegate Marc Korman
Delegate David Moon
Delegate Pam Queen
Delegate Kirill Reznik
Delegate Shane Robinson
Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez
Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher