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August 3, 2020

Mr. David Weiskopf, Esquire  
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RE: Jaymi Sterling's Promotion to Deputy State's Attorney

Dear Mr. Weiskopf,

I have received your letter, dated August 3, 2020 in response to Jaymi Sterling's promotion to Deputy State's Attorney.

As the elected State's Attorney for St. Mary's County, I maintain that my powers and duties are prescribed by our State Constitution and further assert "State's Attorneys are vested with broadest official discretion." (see Maryland Constitution, Article 5; see also *Murphy v. Yates*, 1975, 348 A. 2d 837).

Per your request, I am sending you this "written certification" confirming my January 3, 2020 appointment to promote Jaymi Sterling to Deputy State's Attorney. This decision is consistent with my previous appointments of maintaining two Deputy State's Attorneys in my office that date back to when I was first sworn in as State's Attorney in 1999 (i.e. Ted Weiner and Michael Stamm (1999); Ted Weiner and Joseph Stanalonis (2017)).

Accordingly, I respectfully request that County update its internal records and commence payment to Ms. Sterling from the effective date of her promotion, January 3, 2020 (see attached Press Release).

For further clarification, Ted Weiner's official title is Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I remain.

Very truly yours,

  
Richard D. Fritz  
State's Attorney

CC: Jaymi Sterling, Deputy State's Attorney, St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office  
Catherine Pratson, HR Director for St. Mary's County  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**January 3, 2020**

**FOR ATTRIBUTION: RICHARD D. FRITZ**  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Jaymi Sterling Promoted to Deputy State's Attorney**

LEONARDTOWN, MD – January 3, 2020. The St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office is proud to announce the promotion of Senior Assistant State's Attorney and Chief of Staff Jaymi Sterling to Deputy State's Attorney. Ms. Sterling will continue to oversee the administrative responsibilities for the office, including appearing before the County Commissioners on behalf of the State's Attorney. She will retain her felony caseload consisting of violent felonies and overdose death homicide cases. Ms. Sterling will further remain on the executive team as Deputy State's Attorney along with Senior Deputy State's Attorney Ted Weiner, who is the managing attorney for the State's Attorney's Office.

Ms. Sterling is a veteran prosecutor serving the public for over a decade. She received her juris doctorate from the University of Maryland, School of Law after graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in political science. Upon graduation from law school, Ms. Sterling was selected for a prestigious federal clerkship to serve as a law clerk to the Honorable Alexander Williams, Jr. of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Prior to the federal clerkship, Ms. Sterling served as an Asper Fellow to the Honorable Glenn T. Harrell, Jr. for the State's highest court, the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

Ms. Sterling has previously served as a Special Assistant United State's Attorney (SAUSA) with the United States Attorney's Office. She is an active member of the Maryland State Bar Association and the Maryland State's Attorney's Association's Legislative Committee. Ms. Sterling often testifies in front of the Maryland General Assembly advocating for stronger laws to protect our community and victims' rights. She was recently awarded the "Law Enforcement Office of the Year" for the State's Attorney's Office in addition to being named one of Maryland's "Leading Women" by *The Daily Record*.

Ms. Sterling is the president of the St. Mary's County Bar Association, serves on multiple boards for non-profit organizations, including the *St. Mary's County Shop with a Cop, Inc.* and serves as a strong advocate for the Special Olympics and the United Way.

State's Attorney Richard D. Fritz would like to thank Jaymi Sterling for her hard work, dedication and continued service to protecting our community and proudly announces her promotion to Deputy State's Attorney of his office effective immediately.

  
Richard D. Fritz  
State's Attorney for  
St. Mary's County, Maryland

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August 3, 2020

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

State's Attorney for St. Mary's County  
Richard D. Fritz

Re: Jaymi Sterling's promotion

Dear Mr. Fritz:

Following your appointment of Jaymi Sterling to the position of Deputy State's Attorney and notification to the County of the same, a question arose as to whether your office was limited to one Deputy State's Attorney pursuant to statute as Ms. Sterling joins longtime Deputy State's Attorney, Ted Weiner, as having the same title. See Maryland Code, § 15-419(c) of the Criminal Procedural Article. You have obviously determined that your office is not limited by the statute to one Deputy State's Attorney and that Ms. Sterling's promotion is necessary for the proper conduct of your duties. Upon the County receiving receipt of written certification from you that your office is not limited by the aforementioned statute to one Deputy State's Attorney and that the promotion is necessary for the proper conduct of the duties of your office, the County will update internal records and commence payment to Ms. Sterling from the effective date of her promotion. The increase in pay will come from the County's existing allocation of funding to your office.

As always, the County appreciates the efforts of your office on behalf of the citizens of the County and wishes Ms. Sterling well in her new position.

Very truly yours,

David A. Weiskopf  
County Attorney

cc: Jaymi Sterling, Esq.  
Catherine Pratson, HR Director for St. Mary's County  
Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator for St. Mary's County