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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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## Vote Yes to SB 652

Title: Department of Juvenile Services – Report on Shootings 3 (Department of Juvenile Services  
Transparency Act of 2024)  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Hearing: February 22, 2024

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to request your favorable vote on Senate Bill 652. This will be a significant piece of legislation that mandates the Department of Juvenile Services to report to the Maryland General Assembly specific details about shootings involving juveniles under its supervision. This legislation focuses on enhancing transparency and accountability in the Department's handling of such incidents.

**The purpose of SB652** is by mandating the reporting of such information to the Maryland General Assembly, the legislation promotes an open and accountable system that can be analyzed and tracked. This increased transparency not only helps legislators and policymakers understand the extent of issues but also allows them to assess the effectiveness of current juvenile supervision practices. This legislation addresses the fears of the people surrounding the lack of transparency in law enforcement activities. The reporting requirement towards building a more accountable and community-responsive juvenile justice system.

**Significance and Impact:** The significance of SB652 is that it creates greater trust and accountability between law enforcement and the citizens of Maryland. By mandating the Department of Juvenile Services to report information on shootings involving juveniles under its supervision, the legislation aims to create transparency in law enforcement actions. This increased openness gives communities knowledge about incidents and also mitigates concerns stemming from a lack of reported data. This law will help address problems and strengthen the public's confidence in the justice system.

This bill prioritizes the citizens of Maryland's citizens and their knowledge of their communities, which is why I urge a favorable report for **Senate Bill 652**.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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