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The Honorable William C. Smith Jr.
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
East Miller Senate Office Building, Room 2
6 Bladen St
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair William C. Smith Jr.,

On behalf of the majority of the Women Legislators of Maryland members, we are writing to support **SB004 Criminal Procedure – Victims’ Rights – Notification of Release From Confinement (Jaycee Webster Victims’ Rights Act)**.

This bill requires a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the State's Attorney's office of the county in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted. This legislation ensures that notifications of release include the contact information of the lead victim services employee of the State's Attorney's office. The Women Legislators of Maryland fully support victims' rights and, therefore, offer full support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Delegate Edith J. Patterson
President