

FAVORABLE: SB 1075 and HB 1245

Criminal Law - Distribution of Heroin or Fentanyl Causing Serious Bodily Injury or Death (Victoria and Scottie's Law)

My name is Roberta Vieira, and I am a small business owner in Wheaton, Md. Over the past few years, my business has been robbed four times. Every other day, shoplifters hit my business and products are picked up from the shelves, these individuals are addicted to heroin and Fentanyl and the police is not able to able to apprehend them.

These crimes have not only caused me financial strain but also emotional distress. I fully support State Bill SB 1075 and HB 1245, which aims to strengthen criminal prosecution against the sale and distribution of these deadly drugs in Maryland. I believe that this bill will help protect small business owners like myself and prevent further robberies and crimes committed by individuals under the influence of heroin and Fentanyl. Thank you for considering this crucial legislation.