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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes to SB 82

Title: Arrest Warrants for Violation of Probation - Time Frame
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Hearing: January 23, 2024

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

I am writing to request your favorable vote on **Senate Bill 82**. This will be an instrumental piece of legislation for Baltimore city, setting time frames for taking action on citizens with arrest warrants. This bill will help increase the court's efficiency of procedure and strengthen its ability to pursue and enact justice.

The purpose of **SB82** is to protect the citizens of Maryland from criminal offenders who have outstanding arrest warrants but have not been sought expeditiously by the justice system. Currently, a violent offender with an outstanding arrest warrant can potentially roam free for weeks before a court decision is made about them. This inaction can be fatal. This bill will work guide Maryland judges to set parameters for action to be taken so that these individuals do not remain at large.

Significance and Impact: The significance of **SB82** is to amplify the strength of the courts by making their decisions more frequent and expectable. This will impact numerous cases in Baltimore County. This will evolve the current inadequate legislation that does not address the problems with court procedure.

Important Considerations: SB82 aims to mitigate the problem of long processes that do not efficiently protect the citizens of Maryland. This bill will bridge the legislation with the judicial navigation of the courts. District 45 is planning on the implementation of MDEC as the technological system that can expedite court procedure and information accessibility for those using it. This bill will serve as a prophylactic against judicial inaction until time frames set for court decisions have a technological measure of tracking and assessing.

This bill will call for the efficient responses of the court to pursue justice, beginning as early as enacted.

This bill prioritizes the protection of the citizens of Maryland and places great importance on making sure our communities are safe, which is why I urge a favorable report for **Senate Bill 82**.

Respectfully,

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Cory V. McCray
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