



Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

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Testimony Supporting House Bill 301
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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a statewide legal services provider for survivors of sexual assault. MCASA represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence. We urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on House Bill 301.

House Bill 301 – Commercial Genetic Databases and Criminal Investigations

This bill would amend current law and permit law enforcement investigations to search commercial genetic testing databases when the identity of a perpetrator is unknown. This would help apprehend and convict sex offenders when the assailant is unknown to the survivor.

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Judicial Proceedings Committee to
report favorably on House Bill 301**