

Written Testimony for **HB 734**: Real Time for Violent Crime Act - Please **VOTE YES** on this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

This bill reads "...Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility; prohibiting a deduction of diminution credits of more than 10% of an incarcerated individual's aggregate sentence for crimes of violence for an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a crime of violence..."

Maryland needs to be tougher on crime. Criminals are finding more and creative ways to hurt the people of Maryland. And Maryland cannot afford to let the criminals get away with their actions. Maryland needs to show criminals that if you "do the crime", you will "do the time".

Please take note that the bill also states "...THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE A LONGER SENTENCE OF CONFINEMENT THAN IS AUTHORIZED BY THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH THE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL WAS CONVICTED..."

This bill is quite simple and very much needed! It shows the people of Maryland and criminals looking to perpetrate crimes in Maryland that Maryland can and will be tough on crime, but not unreasonable. This bill shows if you "do the crime", you will "do the time", and nothing more.

So please **VOTE YES** on this bill to show Marylanders that our state will protect them by being tough on crime!!

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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A Very Concerned Mother of 3 and Maryland Resident