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**Senate Bill 68**

Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Pretrial Risk  
Assessment Instruments

Hearing: January 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

**OPPOSE**

January 28, 2020

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chairman  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

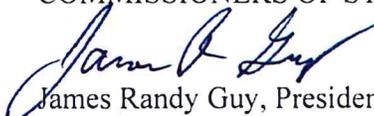
Dear Chairman Smith:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County OPPOSE Senate Bill 68 – Criminal Procedure – Pretrial Release – Pretrial Risk Assessment Instruments which was heard on January 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Validation of the Pre-Trial Risk Assessment needs to be determined by the County not an unfunded mandate and it would be very expensive for all counties. It cost \$40,000 for St. Mary's County to do our Assessment Instructions which were funded by a grant. Counties our size would be a similar in cost and it would cost a lot more for larger corrections agencies to do theirs.

We oppose the introduction of this legislation and do not believe this legislation would benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

  
James Randy Guy, President

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Cc: Senator Jack Bailey  
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Commissioner Todd Morgan  
Commissioner John O'Connor  
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David Weiskopf, County Attorney