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**SB 516 Correctional Services-Murder-Diminution Credits
(Geraldine's Law) February 19, 2020**

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman, and Distinguished Members
of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

I am Delegate Ric Metzgar from Legislative District 6,
Baltimore County. Thank you for the opportunity to express my
support today for SB 516 Correctional Services-Murder-
Diminution Credits (Geraldine's Law)

I sponsored HB 43 Criminal Procedure-Plea Agreement
Terms and the Violence Prevention Initiative Criteria which an
individual charged with a crime of violence will serve his/her
sentence imposed without reduction by diminution credits or
parole which cannot be modified by a plea agreement.

SB 516 prohibits the earning of diminution credits to reduce
the term of a confinement of an inmate who is serving a
sentence for murder in the first degree or murder in the second
degree in a State of local correctional facility.

Crime, particularly murder, is out of hand. People are afraid
to leave their homes because of the crime. SB 516 takes the
important step to stop repeated offenders from committing more
murders. I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 516.
Thank you for your time and consideration.