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House Bill 43 Criminal Procedure- Plea Agreement Terms and the Violence Prevention Initiative Criteria Judiciary Committee January 21, 2020

Mr. Chairman, Madam Vice Chair, and Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity speak to you today. I am Delegate Ric Metzgar from Legislative District 6 in Baltimore County.

This bill states that if a court accepts a certain plea agreement with a certain sentence for a certain defendant charged with committing a crime of violence, the defendant shall serve the sentence imposed without reduction by diminution credits or parole, or otherwise; establishing that a court or review panel may not modify a sentence imposed under a plea agreement in accordance with this Act; providing that the eligibility criteria for a certain program of collaborative supervision of high risk offenders by the Division of Parole and Probation and local law enforcement agencies be expanded to include offenders of any age; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the terms of a plea

agreement and the criteria for the Violence Prevention Initiative.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 43. Thank you for your time and consideration.