



**WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS  
MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

February 13, 2020

Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary Vice Chair

Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The Women's Legislative Caucus respectfully submits its support for HB590/SB230 Criminal Law -Sexual Crimes - Repeal of Spousal Defense (Love is No Defense to Sexual Crimes).

This legislation repeals a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.

The Caucus supports bills that directly affect women and have bipartisan support; its members voted to support HB590/SB230 on February 12, 2020.

The Caucus requests a positive action on behalf of this legislation.