

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL #HB1476**

**Independent Oversight and Review Board for Health Care of Inmates in State  
Correctional Facilities-Establishment**

**Date: 03/02/2020**

**From: Carolyn Magers**

**To: Chairman Luke Clippinger, Madame Chair Vanessa Atterbeary and Members of the House  
Judiciary Committee**

**Re: SUPPORT FOR BILL#HB1476**

My son-in law has been incarcerated for a non-violent crime for five years and has been denied healthcare for his chronic illness: Multiple Sclerosis. Due to the lack of healthcare for which we have lengthy documentation, he is now permanently disabled and suffers greatly every day. I watch what this has done to his children and I am disgusted at a system that is so negligent and inhumane as to do this purposely to any human being. I have always been a very conservative person politically, however this is absolutely ridiculous and is not a way to treat people. He has asked for help countless times only to be ignored. I have visited him on many occasions and have watched the deterioration which appalls me. I know that many many others are facing the same horrible nightmare and we as a society should be ashamed of how we allow people to suffer. I realize that people who are incarcerated are being "punished" but allowing them to suffer is illegal and wrong. The fact that the Department of Public Safety has been allowed to not be regulated and allowed to negligently ignore responsibility needs to be corrected immediately. This legislation would serve to hold the system accountable for their policies and practices and it would help them get to where they need to be in a much quicker manner. For humane reasons, civil rights reasons, community and family wellbeing and so much more, please vote yes to HB1476.

Respectfully,  
Carolyn Magers  
Frederick County