

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL #HB1476**

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

**Date 2/26/20**

**From: David Goldberg Maryland Prisoner Rights Coalition**

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

**Re:** SUPPORT FOR BILL#HB1476

I was incarcerated for four years and twenty nine days. I have Bi Polar disorder, OCD, ADHD and tourette syndrome. My first 13 months in DOC after my sentencing I was completely unmedicated. I had to go back to court seven times to have just two of my pills court ordered. It took me another three months to get stable. My Judge had to subpoena the DOC medical director to ask why I wasn't getting my meds, she was then ordered to make sure I got them. I should not have had to go through 13 months of torture and seven trips to court just so I could be functional and stable. The neglect and disregard for my health due to "policy" could have killed me. It cost the state tens of thousands of dollars for pills that for 8 years at the highest uninsured rate was only \$800.00. I now, due to my incarceration have PTSD partially due to my being unmedicated for so long and the horrible trips to court in Montgomery County from ECI in Westover. I respectfully ask that you support and vote yes for this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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