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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Education, Health & Environment

Re: SB 807 / HB 1156- Commission on Men and Fatherhood (Fatherhood Protection Act)

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

I write to ask for your support of SB 807 which would establish a Commission on Men and Fatherhood in the Department of Human Services.

There is a dearth of leadership when it comes to our fathers in families today. We have seen the breakdown of our nuclear family. Women are being left to raise a family all on their own because the father skips town, is in jail, or fails to assume the responsibilities of being a father and taking care of families and the life that he helped create. One statistic stated that as of 2019 nearly 16 million children are living with a single mother in our country today. Young boys and girls are going without a father to help raise and guide them and be an example for them to follow.

This bill attempts to help remedy this situation by setting up a commission help look at the issue of fatherhood and move to help promote men in strengthening their home life and addressing issues that confront men as “husbands, fathers, homemakers, and workers.”

The plain and simple fact is that society is best served when there is a mother and father, married and raising a family together. Children need families and children need fathers. For these reasons, I ask for your favorable support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Senator Johnny Ray Salling

