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**Senate Bill 333 – Criminal Procedure – Sexual Offenders – Lifetime Supervision**

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to introduce Senate Bill 333 – Criminal Procedure - Sexual Offenders - Lifetime Supervision. Senate Bill 333 would require more convicted sexual offenders to be placed under lifetime supervision. This bill requires a term of lifetime supervision for individuals convicted of sexual abuse of a minor regardless of the minor's age. Senate Bill 333 also adds all circumstances of second-degree sexual offense and attempted second-degree sexual offense as those crimes existed before October 1, 2017 as crimes that require lifetime supervision.

This bill is narrowly targeted to protect Marylanders from a relatively small but significant number of offenders who have committed these very serious crimes. Under current Maryland law, only some offenders who sexually abuse minors are placed under lifetime supervision. The existing statute only requires lifetime supervision for a parent, another person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for the supervision of a minor, a household member, or a family member who causes sexual abuse to a minor if the minor is under the age of 12. This requirement should extend to those who commit this offense against a minor of any age. By requiring lifetime supervision for these offenders, Senate Bill 333 protects our State from offenders who have already been convicted of these crimes and provides needed protections to reduce the number of repeat offenses.

This bill is prospective and does not apply to any conviction before the bill's effective date. I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 333. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bailey".

Senator Jack Bailey  
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