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SUPPORT – SB333 Sexual Offenders – Lifetime Supervision Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee 27 January 2021

Dear Chairman Bailey and Committee members,

The Women's Democratic League of Frederick County (WDL) asks for your support of SB333.

The General Assembly revised the sexual assault statues in 2017, and under the current law, Lifetime Sexual Offender Supervision is available for any person who has been convicted of second degree rape, but is only available for two categories of second degree sexual assault. **SB333 intends to protect women and children from repeat sexual offenders.**

For over 97 years, the WDL has championed equality and continues those efforts to this day. This proposed bill will correct offenders' unequal treatment, which we believe was unintended, and provide appropriate protection for victims. It will require a sentence for certain persons convicted of certain sexual abuse crimes involving a child over the age of 12 years to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision.

In the interest of the children and women affected by sexual predators,

we urge you to support the passage of SB