

Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a statewide legal services provider for survivors of sexual assault. MCASA represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence. We urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on Senate Bill 109.

Senate Bill 109 – Address Confidentiality and Expansion

This bill consolidates two existing address confidentiality programs for survivors of domestic violence and for human trafficking, and expands access to additional survivors, including survivors of sexual assault. Permitting all survivors of sexual violence to protect their location is an important and sound improvement to Maryland's public policy.

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