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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

February 23, 2021

Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support of SB 868 – Correctional Services – Inmate Release

Dear Senator Smith:

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, by a vote of 5-0, supports Senate Bill 868. It would require the Division of Correction to transport inmates to a local correctional facility in anticipation of the inmate's release and provide for supervision of each inmate during the release process.

Washington County is the location of three major penitentiaries maintained by the Maryland Division of Correction. These institutions house inmates from all over the state, most of whom, upon release, are in great need of supervision, physical and mental health treatment, job assistance, and transitional assistance in their re-adjustment to life in the community. Many such inmates are a high recidivism risk. If not provided with transitional assistance, many such inmates will have difficulty living successfully as they return to life in the greater community.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County respectfully and without reservation urges the Committee to approve SB 868.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 
Jeffrey A. Cline, President

cc (via email): Senator Paul D. Corderman