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On behalf of the Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families (the Partnership), I am writing in support of House Bill 93 which establishes a local youth violence review committee.

Rising youth violence in Anne Arundel County and in the state is a major concern in many neighborhoods. Youth involved in violence have often come to the attention of several government agencies prior to becoming a victim or a perpetrator. Each one of these touchpoints are missed opportunities to intervene and prevent future harm to that youth. The youth violence review committee will allow agencies to work cooperatively to examine these earlier points of potential intervention as well as examining the recent events that led to the violent act.

As with other review committees, the opportunity to examine all of the issues surrounding a case using a multidisciplinary team allows for different perspectives, comprehensive information sharing and honest conversations. The information gathered can be used to manage systemic issues and prevent future violence. This bill creates a mechanism for improving our work with juveniles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P M Brown".

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