**Bill No: HB 131** 

Title: Correctional Services - Step-Down Programs - Cause of Action

Committee: Judiciary

Hearing Date: January 27, 2021

Position: SUPPORT

The state needs to be doing more to help people who are transitioning from the correctional system into society. This would be money and effort well spent. Please support HB 131 to mandate that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services provide transitional services to incarcerated people in the six months prior to their release. The bill requires DPSCS to introduce a "step down" program to those incarcerated in restrictive housing and the involvement of a coordinated multidisciplinary treatment team approach.

Thank you, Erin Roth Baltimore City resident