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Statement of Support of Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg  
Before the House Judiciary Committee  
In Support Of  
**House Bill 672**

**Department of Juvenile Services – Juvenile Offense Database**

Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

As lawmakers we have an obligation to inform the public of what steps we are taking to ensure public safety and mitigate criminal activity in their neighborhoods.

House Bill 672 was prompted by an ongoing series of armed car jackings in the 41<sup>st</sup> District in Northwest Baltimore. Neighborhood leaders have informed us that these car jackings are being committed mostly by juveniles.

Delegate Attar's legislation would require the Department of Juvenile Services to develop a database to include the description, date, and location of any offenses. The database would not include any personal identifiable information of juveniles.

Importantly, any judicial or other action taken, such as referral to a treatment program or diversion program, would be included, as would prior offenses committed by the same individual.

The current system fails to engender public faith in how these offenses are handled. This legislation would restore that faith while maintaining confidentiality for juveniles.

I join my District 41 colleague, Delegate Attar, in urging the Committee to act favorably on House Bill 672.

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