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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 586  
Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release of Defendant – Notice**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the committee:

I write to urge you to **support** Senate Bill 586. Requiring courts and the Office of the State's Attorney to report information on criminal defendants and their release status is a critical step in establishing transparency and notice amongst our law enforcement agencies.

Under the current laws, there are no provisions that mandate notice to arresting law enforcement agencies regarding the pre-trial release of criminal defendants, formerly under their purview. With Senate Bill 586, the courts and the Office of the State's Attorney is directed to notify the associated law enforcement agency within 48 hours of the release of a defendant, arrested by that agency, if that defendant has been charged with first-degree murder; second-degree murder; attempted first-degree murder; attempted second-degree murder; robbery with a dangerous weapon; and armed carjacking. It is imperative that this information is communicated with law enforcement agencies in efforts to promote shared knowledge of the status of violent offenders within our communities.

If enacted, Senate Bill 586 shall take effect October 1, 2022, and will require that certain practices be adopted in accordance with the law.

In efforts to foster systemic transparency and awareness across the board, I respectfully request a favorable report of Senate Bill 586.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray'.

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State Senator, 45<sup>th</sup> District