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Testimony in **Support** of

**HB 278 – Correction Services – Inmate Cost-of-Living Report – Maryland  
Correctional Enterprises Diversity Report**

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to show my support for House Bill 0278, specifically for the amendment to 3-509(b)(6) requiring the annual report of Maryland Correctional Enterprises and its revolving fund to also include in it a breakdown of all currently incarcerated individuals who are employed at facilities by race, age and sex. On behalf of State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy, I urge a favorable report.

The accurate and timely collection of demographic data of currently incarcerated individuals and the job classifications and wage scales that they hold will allow the State to better determine whether access to employment opportunities and the wages it pays is fair and accessible. Having access to this information, annually, will allow the State to spot incarcerated employment practices that are successful as well as those that are not and will make sure that the revolving fund monies are being used effectively to secure a just outcome for every incarcerated individual.