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February 13, 2023

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Senate Bill 427 – Correctional Services-Inmate Release/Letter of Support

Dear Senator Smith and Committee Members:

The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County wishes to give their strong support of Senate Bill 427- Correctional Services-Inmate Release.

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Thank you for your consideration, and we therefore strongly recommend a favorable report on SB427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Laird". The signature is cursive and fluid.

Charles Laird
President

Cc: Senator Carozza

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND**

February 10, 2023

Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support of SB 427 – Correctional Services – Inmate Release

Dear Senator Smith:

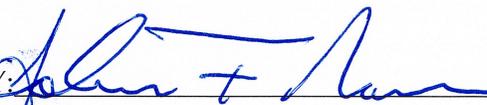
The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, by a vote of 5-0, supports Senate Bill 427. It would require, upon an inmate's release from a State correctional facility, the Division of Correction to transport inmates to the county of the inmate's address recorded at the time the inmate entered the State correctional facility. Further, SB 427 provides for supervision of each inmate during the release process.

Washington County is the location of three major penitentiaries maintained by the Maryland Division of Correction. These institutions house inmates from all over the state, most of whom, upon release, are in great need of supervision, physical and mental health treatment, job assistance, and transitional assistance in their re-adjustment to life in the community. Many such inmates are a high recidivism risk. If not provided with transitional assistance, many such inmates will have difficulty living successfully as they return to life in the greater community.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County respectfully and without reservation urges the Committee to approve SB 427.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 
John F. Barr, President

cc (via email): Senator Paul D. Corderman and Senator Mike McKay

SB 427 Allegany County Commissioners LOS.pdf

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Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB427 – Correctional Services – Inmate Release

Dear Senator Smith:

I am writing today in support of SB427, Correctional Services – Inmate Release. Allegany County is home to two State of Maryland correctional facilities, and we feel it is important that inmates be released and transported back to their home county. This practice would be of great benefit to both the inmate being released and to the county where the correctional facility is located. The resources of a county where a correctional facility is located can become strained when inmates are not released back to their home county and can place an undue burden on any county that houses a correctional institution.

The Allegany County Commissioners fully support SB427 and will be happy to provide any further information that you may require.

Sincerely,



David J. Caporale, President
Board of Commissioners of Allegany County

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Senator Paul D. Corderman
403 James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Senate Bill 0427 - Support

Dear Senator Corderman;

Gatekeepers Corp. is a non-profit reentry program located in Washington County. Our work takes us inside the prisons and detention centers located in our county.

We support SB0427 introduced by Senator Corderman and McKay regarding inmate releases.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Gaertner".

William Gaertner
Executive Director

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February 15, 2023

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Chairman Will Smith
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2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 427 Correctional Services – Inmate Release

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, & Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 427 this afternoon. As we continue to rehabilitate individuals and prepare them for re-entry, it is critical that we are setting them up to succeed as they re-enter society to maximize their chances in becoming productive and contributing members of our communities.

SB 427 would address this by assisting individuals in the re-entry process and facilitating their release from our state correctional facilities back to their local jurisdictions. This will help connect them with local re-entry services, parole and probation, employment placement, and other wrap around services to ensure their success. Without the proper support system in place, a disservice is being done to both the individual and the communities who simply do not have enough support systems in place to support and assist individuals through a successful re-entry process. I have included letters of support from the Allegany County Commissioners, Washington County Community Action Council, Somerset County Commissioners, Somerset County Detention Center, and Gatekeepers.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Corderman".

Paul D. Corderman
District 2 – Washington & Frederick Counties

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SB 427 Somerset County Detention Center LOS.pdf

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Dear Senator Corderman:

Somerset County supports Senate Bill 427 Inmate Release. This bill will enable inmates to report to their local parole agent and supervision will begin immediately.

Somerset County is completely committed in providing public safety after inmate is released from confinement and fully supports this Senate Bill 427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Keith Muir'.

Keith Muir
Warden.

WC CAC Ltr of Support SB 427.pdf

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in full support of SB0427. As the President and CEO of the Washington County Community Action Council, it is my responsibility to ensure our agency is serving the residents of Washington County that are striving for self-sufficiency. We serve over 10,000 clients each year with a variety of programs including energy assistance, eviction prevention, food pantry and transportation to mention a few. We are 95% grant funded from federal, state and local governments. All of these grants have very specific requirements to assist only Washington County residents. We have significantly more requests for assistance than we have the funding to provide.

Inmates that are released into our community from other counties in Maryland where they committed the crime attempt to get services from CAC. They are denied until they can meet the grant requirements. Frequently these newly released inmates tell staff they have no plan and need help with housing and food, however have no employment or plan for self-sufficiency, which conflicts with our mission. We give our clients a hand up and not a hand out. As a result, too frequently these former inmates regress to committing crimes in our community.

CAC has limited resources that we use to help productive low-income members of our community when they experience a life event such as a medical bill, loss of a job or other unanticipated event that affects their family budget. We cannot and will not provide services to inmates as they are released into our county if they do not meet the minimum qualifications for the grants.

It is critical for our community that SB0427 is passed. It is not the responsibility of Washington County nonprofits to assist inmates who were not originally residents of Washington County.

Respectfully submitted,



President/CEO